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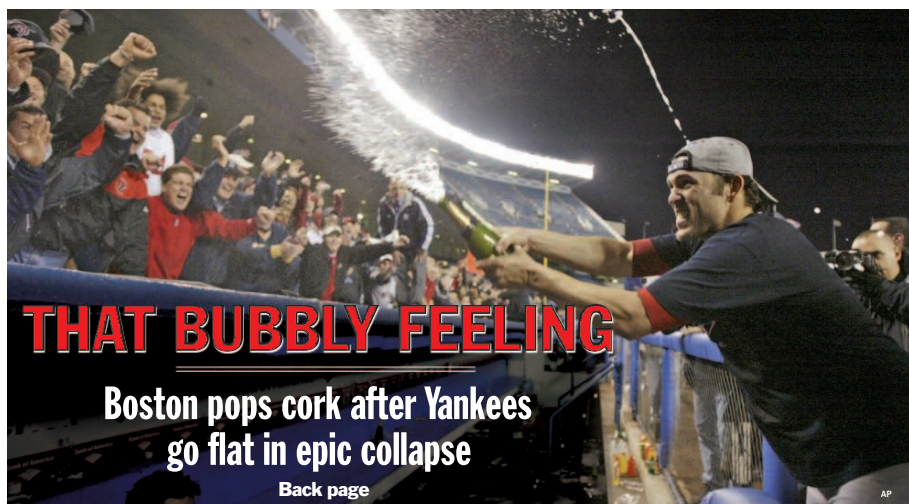
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The Sox's Doug Mientkiewicz sprays champagne on fans after Boston defeated New York 10-3 in Game 7 of the American League championship series on Wednesday at Yankee Stadium. Trailing three games to none, the Red Sox staged an unprecedented comeback, winning four straight.

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Martha Stewart case: Lawyers for Martha Stewart told a federal appeals court in New York that she suffered a "fundamentally unfair" trial at the hands of prosecutors who incorrectly suggested she was accused of insider trading. Stewart was never charged with insider trading — only with deceiving investors. But the appeals brief, made public Thursday, argues prosecutors and the trial judge kept the jury from understanding the difference.

Peterson trial: Testimony in Scott Peterson's murder trial in Redwood City, Calif., turned to reported sightings of his wife as the defense attacked prosecution claims that the pregnant schoolteacher stopped walking the couple's dog long before she vanished. Kevin Bertalotto, an investigator with the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, testified Wednesday about a tip he received in April 2003 from a man who claimed to have seen Laci walking the dog around the neighborhood about two weeks before she went missing.

Alabama segregation: Civil rights activists say racism is behind opposition to a law to measure that would strike language requiring segregated schools and poll taxes from the Alabama Constitution.

Ousted chief justice Roy Moore and other critics contend the measure is a backdoor attempt to raise taxes for schools.

Gotti radio dispute: Lawyers for John A. "Junior" Gotti want a radio host to stop trashing him on a drive-time morning show. The host, Curtis Sliwa, once was the target of a failed hit allegedly arranged by the son of late mob boss John Gotti. On Wednesday, defense attorneys told a federal judge that Sliwa's on-air rants against their client could poison a jury in his racketeering case.

Medicinal marijuana doctor: A doctor who signed a third of all medical marijuana cards in Oregon lost his license to practice medicine Wednesday, in what medical regulators and advocates for the drug said marked the first such case in the nine states where marijuana is legal as a medicine.

Dr. Phillip Leveque, 81, a Mollala osteopath, was placed on probation in 2002 for signing medical marijuana applications for patients he had not examined in person and whose medical history he had not reviewed.

Absentee voting: A federal judge in Harrisburg, Pa., refused Wednesday to order new absentee ballots for military families and overseas voters and give those voters until after the Nov. 2 election to return them because of confusion over Ralph Nader's status. U.S. District Judge Vette Kane said the U.S. Justice Department, which sought the order, failed to show how the voters were disenfranchised by casting their votes on ballots that include Nader's now-stricken name.

Hacking autopsy: The remains of Lori Hacking, the woman believed to have been



Japan typhoon: Two men held tight to a tree as passengers sitting on the top of a bus are guided by a rescue worker, left, after floodwaters stranded the vehicle Thursday in Maizuru, Japan. Typhoon Tokage killed at least 63 people and left at least 25 missing.

killed by her husband and her body dumped in the trash, were so broken up by the time police recovered them from a landfill that authorities may never know how she died.

Autopsy findings released Wednesday confirmed Hacking's identity from dental records, but said experts couldn't determine the cause of death.

Priest abuse case: A lawyer for defrocked Massachusetts priest Paul Shanley asked a judge Wednesday to dismiss rape and indecent assault charges against his client, a central figure in the clergy sex abuse scandal, after one of his accusers failed to appear in court.

The alleged victim, now 35, says Shanley molested him when he was a child, but he did not remember the abuse until about three years ago, when the scandal first broke in Boston.

World

Milosevic trial: With his trial once again near an impasse, Slobodan Milosevic urged an appeals court Thursday in The Hague, Netherlands, to dismiss his court-appointed lawyer and allow him to conduct his own defense against war crimes charges.

The former Yugoslav president told a five-judge appeals panel at the U.N. tribunal that medical reports were wrong when they showed he is in danger of a heart attack if he continued representing himself, and his right to self-defense is fundamental.

Sharon support: Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has betrayed his hard party, a longtime senior ally wrote to thousands of party faithful Thursday, but the rebuke over the Gaza withdrawal was unlikely to prevent parliamentary approval of the plan next week. Sharon can count on the support of at least 66 legislators in the 120-member parliament, including more than two dozen from moderate opposition parties, according to a count published Thursday in the Yediot Ahronot daily.

Human cloning debate: The highly contentious issue of cloning is back on the U.N. agenda, with support among member states for a treaty banning human cloning but divisions over the use of human embryos for medical research.

The U.N. General Assembly's legal committee begins a two-day debate Thursday that will focus on rival resolutions: Costa Rica's draft calls for a treaty that would ban all cloning while Belgium's draft calls for a treaty that would ban the cloning of babies but allow countries to decide on using embryos for research, which many scientists believe may lead to new treatments for diseases.

Sudan peace talks: Sudanese government and rebel representatives were due to restart peace talks Thursday in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, on the crisis in Sudan's Darfur region, officials said. But one rebel group said the talks would be delayed.

Nigerian Foreign Ministry official Florentina Ukonaga said the talks, brokered by the African Union, would start Thursday.

Military

Navy sonar dispute: A federal appeals court in San Francisco decided Wednesday that marine mammals have no standing to sue to stop the U.S. Navy from using sonar.

In upholding a lower court decision, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said the world's whales, porpoises and dolphins — have no standing under the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act or the National Environmental Policy Act.

Business

Enron scandal: Former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling's legal team wants federal prosecutors to get specific about documents, potential witnesses, and other information that could be helpful to his defense against conspiracy, fraud and insider trading charges.

Prosecutors say they've already turned over "virtually all documents" to Skilling, and his demands exceed the government's obligation to provide information that could be used to exonerate him. The government also says Skilling is "well positioned" to review such information given his high-powered legal team.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

Correction

The headline in Thursday's edition about Patriot Express flights through Rota, Spain, and Sigonella, Sicily, was incorrect. The flights already have been cut from once a week to biweekly.

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USAREUR introduces new sex-assault hot line

BY JESSICA INDIGO
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — A new sexual assault hot line, which will be answered by nurses ready to contact emergency personnel or offer immediate support, is one of the latest additions to the U.S. Army Europe's campaign against sexual assault.

The "Not in Our Army" sexual assault campaign, which began in April, aims to educate all troops that sexual misconduct will not be tolerated and that any incidents will be investigated quickly and fairly. Victim advocates and a new handbook are also a part of the campaign, according to USAREUR's top human resources officer.



Frutiger

Brig. Gen. Rusty Frutiger said that the effort won't be scared off if there are higher numbers of cases reported as a result of the new hot line and prevention campaign.

"Quite frankly, I hope reports would go up," Frutiger said. "I know there are a large number of cases that are still not reported."

The hot line, which has been operating

in Germany this week, goes live across Europe on Friday, according to a statement issued by the European Regional Medical Command.

To use the USAREUR sexual assault hot line, call:

- DSN in Europe, 371-3550 or 371-3551;
- Civilian number in Germany, 06221-17-3550 or 06221-17-3551;
- Civilian number outside of Germany, 0049-6221-173550 or 0049-6221-173551;
- Toll-free in Germany only, 0800-0-ASSAULT (0800-0-277-2858).

The person responding to the hot-line call will remain on the line until the call is transferred to the military police or appropriate agency to ensure the transfer has been completed.

The medical command statement said callers would be asked to provide their name and location so appropriate law enforcement and medical personnel may be contacted. However, callers are not required to provide their name to the hot-line responder.

The hot line would be deemed a success if only one person benefited from a day of need, Frutiger said.

"I'll tell you right up front, as a father of a victim, I'm very passionate about this program," he said.

However, Frutiger stresses that the program is not just for the victim or the person

The face of sexual assault

Suspects tend to be:

- E-1 to E-4
- 17 to 31 years old
- Married
- Assigned to combat arms unit
- Victims tend to be:
- Family members (wife or daughter)
- E-1 to E-4
- 17 to 31 years old
- Married, with the spouse frequently deployed
- Assigned/attached to support units

U.S. Army Europe Sexual Misconduct Awareness Campaign handbook

making the complaint. He said all involved will be dealt with respectfully until the matter is investigated and resolved. This is not a program that guesses at guilt, he said.

Frutiger said the new civilian victim advocates, who will be in every community, are key to the program.

One advocate will be assigned to each victim and will remain with that person through the aftermath of the incident, ensuring stability and solace.

"These people are not volunteers, they're paid professionals," Frutiger said. The "Sexual Misconduct Awareness Campaign" handbook offers statistics, regulations and guidance in an easy-to-read

format. A sexual assault booklet and CD-ROM come with the handbook.

The handbook is also available on the Web at www.hqsareur.army.mil, as well as at equal-opportunity offices.

"This program makes a crime that people don't want to come with a face, less," said Frutiger, pointing out that many victims feel guilt or shame after the incident and may not want to come forward.

However, if they decide to come forward, he said, the nurses who answer the hot lines are prepared to offer guidance and support.

Plans are under way to expand the toll-free number to include other countries, the medical command statement said.

Sexual assault is the second-most-reported felony in the Army in Europe, after drug-related offenses, according to campaign material. Seventy-six percent of sexual assaults occur in unlocked barracks or government quarters. 74 percent involve alcohol, 50 percent of rape victims know the offender and most sexual assaults occur between 1 and 5 a.m. on Saturdays, according to the material.

For more information, go to the "Not in Our Army" link on the USAREUR home page, www.hqsareur.army.mil, or contact local equal opportunity advisers.

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NEX brings tax-free electric bills to Naples, Gaeta

BY JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

Military and Defense Department civilians assigned to Naval Support Activities Naples and Gaeta who have Italian ENEL electricity will soon be able to receive monthly, tax-free bills in English through their local Navy Exchange.

Naples NEX operations manager Arnie Giannotta said that as of Wednesday, 27 people had signed up for the service.

"What we really need is 100 customers to get this going," Giannotta said. "Within 30 days of getting names, we'll get it going."

Once the program starts, the NEX will essentially become the participants' electric company.

Normally, off-base residents receive bimonthly electricity bills directly from ENEL, billed in euros and printed in Italian.

With the new service, residents will receive a monthly bill in English from the NEX, have the 16 percent Italian tax taken off their rates and be billed in dollars.

Those wanting to sign up for the service need to contact the Agnate NEX at 625-3058.

Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, offers a tax-free, bill-paying program at its Navy Exchange, base spokesman Alberto Lunetta stated in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

Vicenza and Livorno also offer tax exemptions on natural gas, water, electricity and home heating as well as bills through their Utilities Tax Exempt Program.

The program has been operating in Vicenza since 1994 and offers exemptions for 47 area utility companies, said spokeswoman Maggie Menzies.

Aviano Air Base is working to implement a similar program, but a start date has not been set, according to 2nd Lt. Lea Chambers, base spokeswoman.

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Navy families face child-care cost hike

First hike in five years effective Nov. 1

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER
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NAVAL STATION ROTTA, Spain — Child-care rates at Navy bases across Europe are going up, and higher-income families with additional children in day care will see the biggest spending.

Beginning Nov. 1, families will pay an average of \$1.33 more per week, Navy officials said. Hourly fees will increase from \$2.75 to \$3 throughout the Navy.

It is the first rate increase for Europe in five years, said Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Braun, a spokeswoman for Navy Region Europe in Naples, Italy.

The changes affect families who use the Child Development Center, School Age Care and Child Development.

The 1.5 percent increase is due to higher inflation rates in the region, the Navy said.

Under the changes, higher-income families with more than one child in day care will lose a 20 percent discount.

That means a family making \$50,000 a year with two children in day care would pay \$67.60 more a month.

The discount will apply only to families in the two lowest income brackets, less than \$34,000 per year.

Families who make between \$34,001 and \$44,000 will get a 10 percent discount.

The Navy has also changed the vacation policy for the region, Braun said.

Child-care centers no longer will keep spots open for families who go on vacation for up to four weeks.

The policy now will hold the spot only for two weeks.

Families who go on vacation for more than two weeks must pay

Increase in Navy child care in Europe

The Navy is raising child-care fees at bases in Europe by an average of \$1.33 per week. The new fees go into effect Nov. 1. Families with incomes of more than \$44,001 will lose the 20 percent discount applied for any additional children in day care. Below are the new fees for Europe.

Category	Total family income	Monthly fee	Weekly fee
I	\$0-\$28,000	\$186	\$43
II	\$28,001-\$34,000	\$247	\$57
III	\$34,001-\$44,000	\$295	\$68
IV	\$44,001-\$55,000	\$338	\$78
V	\$55,001-\$70,000	\$403	\$93
VI	\$70,000+	\$472	\$109

Source: Commander, Navy Region Europe

Stars and Stripes

for the additional days or the spot will be given to a family on the waiting list.

Despite the increase, European child-care rates continue to be among the lowest in the Navy.

For example, child-care fees Newyde for families making between \$44,001 and \$55,000 range between \$77 and \$102. In Europe, the cost is \$78.

For incomes between \$55,001 and \$70,000, the cost varies from \$92 to \$116 per week. The European base rate is \$93.

"It's going to vary for the categories, but we end up being on the lower part of the spectrum," Braun said.

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Airmen to aid airlift

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Thirty U.S. Air Force members from Europe arrived Thursday in Kigali, Rwanda, to prepare for a two-day, Rwanda airlift mission of Rwandan peacekeepers to the Darfur region of Sudan.

Two C-130 transport planes and about 120 airmen from Ramstein Air Base's 86th Airlift Wing and the Air Base Wing are expected to arrive in Kigali to begin the airlift in the next several days, according to a U.S. Air Force in Europe news release issued Thursday.

The Force planes will carry Rwandan troops to Darfur as part of an African Union peacekeeping mission in the region. Eventually, 3,500 African peacekeepers from Rwanda and Nigeria will bolster the monitoring force in Darfur.

More than 1.6 million refugees have fled a civil war there, creating what the United Nations has called "the worst humanitarian crisis in the world."

The Air Force advance team members, most from Ramstein and RAF Mildenhall, England, will set up the airlift, security and logistics for the airlift operation, the release said.

From staff reports

RAF Mildenhall celebrates historic 70 years

Visitors recount memories, help base bury time capsule to be opened in 2034



PHOTOS BY RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

Alman 1st Class Monica Whitmore of the 100th Security Forces Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, England, loads items Thursday into a time capsule. The time capsule was buried on the base as part of a celebration of the base's 70th anniversary.

BY RON JENSEN
Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Built within the winds of war were blowing on the continent, RAF Mildenhall is celebrating seven decades of history this week, from a time when the enemy was led by a man named Adolf Hitler to the present, when Osama bin Laden is the chief culprit's name.

A time capsule containing uniforms, current newspapers and a scrapbook holding squadron patches, coins and other memorabilia was buried after a panel of visitors who once called the base home recounted their experiences at what is now home of the 100th Air Refueling Wing.

"We can bury a few artifacts," said Col. Richard Devereaux, wing commander, as he prepared to shovel dirt on the time capsule, "but we can't bury the legacy that has gone before for the last 70 years."

Built in the shadow of the growing concerns regarding Nazi Germany, the base opened in 1934 and was ready for war when war finally came. Within hours of the Parliament's declaration of war in 1939, bombers lifted off from the grass airfield to carry the fight across the Channel.

Watching much of that from the ground was Ron Marshall of Newmarket, England. He was an electrician in the Royal Air Force and charged with providing pilots a beacon signal that guided them to and from their combat missions.

Now in his 80s, Marshall recalled sitting on a hilltop nine miles from base and



Ron Marshall of Newmarket, England, discusses his time at RAF Mildenhall, England, during World War II. He was part of a panel that recounted personal histories of the base.

broadcasting the beacon that was a lifeline for pilots.

"When the Americans took over [in 1942] and joined our boys, our rations were baked beans, eggs and tea and coffee," Marshall told an audience at the base chapel. "They came with steaks."

Even 60 years later, he said, he can recall cooking steaks on his hilltop outpost.

Roy Pearson recalled serving as an air traffic controller in the 1950s, worrying a bit, he said, over the Americans who insisted on carrying weapons with them. That wasn't done in the RAF.

Mike Braband, a Chicago native, arrived at the base in 1962 as an aircraft structural

"We can bury a few artifacts, but we can't bury the legacy that has gone before for the last 70 years."

Col. Richard Devereaux

100th Air Refueling Wing commander

repair specialist. His time at the base was enjoyable, he said, despite the monthly pay of \$121.

Times were tense in 1986, said Al Garza, when American planes flying from England bombed Libya in retaliation for an attack on U.S. servicemen in Germany. Likening the atmosphere to today's tense time, he said some airmen wondered if they were safe living off base.

The time capsule was buried near the base's officers club known as Middleton Hall, one of the first buildings constructed on the base. It will remain buried for 30 years, until 2034, the 100th anniversary of the base.

In remarks before the capsule was buried, Devereaux said the base's history is worth recalling and he thanked the visitors who spoke about the past.

"It's nice to pay tribute to what's gone before, but we look forward to a bright, bright future," he said.

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No draft of doctors in the works, Pentagon health official says

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Pentagon's leading medical official said the Defense Department has no intention of drafting civilian doctors and medical professionals into the military, even as the Selective Service agency updates its draft contingency plan.

William Winkewer, assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs, held a press briefing Wednesday to emphatically deny any draft plans, and said any such action "serves no useful purpose."

"There is no need for such a

contingency plan," Winkewer said. "The military health system today is ready and capable and has an incredible amount of capacity. The military system today is working remarkably well, working better than it has ever worked, and it would perform very effectively in the event of a national catastrophic event, even a large one."

The active duty force has more than 130,000 full-time doctors, nurses, technicians and medics, with "many tens of thousands" more in the reserve component, Winkewer said.

In the hotly contested race for

the U.S. presidency, the controversy of the draft is repeated often, with both President Bush and Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry opposing it.

Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld repeatedly attempt to quash talk of a possible draft, calling it a politically motivated rumor. Kerry has said the draft is a possibility if Bush wins re-election because the force is stretched too thin.

The issue of a draft of medical professionals came about as the Selective Service System updated its plans.

The agency simply was following a 1987 law enacted by Con-

gress to have a plan in place in the event the president, at the concurrence of Congress, decided to reinstate the draft and needed medical personnel to augment the active force, agency spokesman Richard Flahavan said.

The draft is merely a public relations and awareness plan of how the agency should go about informing medical professions, Flahavan said. There is no database of identified personnel and medical professionals do not have to register with the selective, he said.

However, men between 18 and 25 are required by law to register with the agency, or as Flahavan

called, "cheap insurance" for the executive and legislative branches to have a database of potential conscripts in the "unlikely" event both branches signed off on a draft. "It's cheap insurance, a very small agency of less than 200 people who keep a list just in case, so we won't have to start from nothing."

There are 14.3 million men registered with the Selective Service.

When the nation did have a draft, between 1950 and 1973, about 10,000 medical professionals were drafted into the active force, each serving about 2 years, Flahavan said.

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Flu shots for troops

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has received less than one-third of the vaccine it needs, but officials say they are working on a deal for more doses and pledge that all U.S. troops abroad, plus those preparing to go overseas, will get flu shots this fall.

Flu shots usually are mandatory for troops, as a matter of Pentagon policy, but not for the thousands of military dependents and military retirees who are entitled to Pentagon health benefits.

Immunization of troops abroad, particularly those in war zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan or potential areas of conflict such as South Korea, is a high priority because the soldiers' loss to illness would hurt military readiness.

Normally all troops are required to get vaccinated. Those not deployed abroad are a lower priority, officials said Wednesday.

From The Associated Press

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — By early December, the U.S. Army Reserve 98th Division (Institutional Training) will have its full complement of 700 soldiers in Iraq with the primary mission of expediting the training of the Iraqi military, the division commanding general said.

The soldiers' mission is twofold: simultaneously train the Iraqis' noncommissioned officer and officer corps, "training the trainers," and offering specialized training such as transportation, engineering and medical procedures to Iraqi troops with basic combat experience, Maj. Gen. Bruce Robinson said.

The 98th Division is headquartered in Rochester, N.Y., will be the first to put into action the Army's new Foreign Army Training Assistance Command, created to overcome the difficulties coalition units now have in getting the Iraqi army up and running, Robinson said.

"This is a significant step in helping the Iraqis become self-suf-

ficient in their own defense and security operations," Robinson said.

However, the command has no baseline of length of time or number of Iraqi soldiers to be trained, making it difficult to measure success.

The time line will be dictated by the needs and desires expressed by the leaders of the Iraqi army, the quality of the soldiers and their ability to learn, Robinson said. The U.S. trainers will mostly work out of six training installations throughout Iraq with a goal of training more than 250,000 members of the security forces.

The activated 98th Division soldiers, 700 of a division of 3,600 soldiers who had primarily from the New England states, New York and New Jersey, will be deployed for 12 months "boots on ground," Robinson said.

The 98th Division out of Richmond, Va., is on tap to take over if the U.S. Army needs to continue the Foreign Army Training Assistance Command in Iraq beyond the 98th's one-year mark, he said.

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Army Reserve unit to train Iraqis under new program

Report: Army told to draw up plans for shorter tours

Stars and Stripes

The acting secretary of the Army has told the service to begin drawing up plans to shorten the 12-month tour lengths of soldiers sent to Iraq and Afghanistan, the New York Times reported Tuesday.

The Oct. 8 memo from Les Brownlee, the acting Army secretary, makes clear that those reductions would not be taken until the insurgency in Iraq diminishes and the capabilities of Iraqi security forces improves, the Times wrote.

"As we continue to develop

Iraqi security forces in both size and capabilities, the opportunity presents itself to address both the size of our committed forces and the tour lengths of those soldiers assigned," Brownlee wrote in the memo to Gen. Peter J. Schoonsaker, the Army chief of staff, the Times reported.

A copy of the memo, which states that "it is important that these plans be available for implementation when the security conditions and the capabilities of the Iraqi security forces might enable us to do so," was provided to the Times by a senior Army official.

Army personnel officers, as well as those representing the Army Reserve and National Guard, say their ability to recruit and retain soldiers will erode unless combat tours are shortened, perhaps to six or nine months.

At the same time, Army war planners have significant concerns that the Army, at its current size and configuration, cannot meet projected requirements for Iraq and Afghanistan unless active-duty and reserve troops spend 12 months on the ground there.

GI jailed for going AWOL during leave

A soldier based in Kitzingen, Germany, who failed to return to Iraq after his mid-tour leave has been sentenced to 178 days in military prison, according to a case summary prepared by the Task Force Dancer Staff Judge Advocate.

Spc. Alvin Collins, 23, of the 121st Signal Battalion, pleaded guilty to a single count of absence without leave at a special court-martial in Tikrit Oct. 13. Assigned to Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Baquba since his unit deployed to the Middle East

in February, he traveled home to West Virginia for 15 days of rest-and-recovery leave.

Collins was due to return to Iraq by June 3, according to the case summary. But his attorney, Capt. Kurt Glabert, said Collins' family convinced him to stay home. He didn't return to Iraq until Sept. 1.

Besides the jail time, Judge (Col.) James Pohl ordered Collins reduced to the lowest enlisted rank and handed him a bad-conduct discharge. His sentence will become final after it is reviewed by Task Force Dancer authorities.

From Staff reports

GI in Iraq gets 8 months in drug and alcohol case

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

A 1st Infantry Division soldier serving in Iraq was sentenced to eight months in prison

after pleading guilty to drug- and alcohol-related charges, according to a case summary from the Task Force Dancer Staff Judge Advocate.

Pvt. Robert White, 26, of the 201st Forward Support Battalion, admitted possession, use and transfer of both alcohol and the prescription drug Benzhexol HCL, as well as making a false official statement and fraudulent possession of a military identification card. Benzhexol HCL is an anti-Parkinson's medication that is hallucinogenic if too much is taken. It is widely abused in Iraq, according to the case summary.

White had worked as a guard since March at Forward Operating Base Warhorse, the head-

quarters of the 1st ID's 3rd Brigade Combat Team in Baquba, Iraq. The summary said as part of his duties, he would sometimes seize alcohol and Benzhexol HCL

White admitted possession, use and transfer of both alcohol and the prescription drug Benzhexol HCL.

from Iraqis entering the base. Then he would sell them or use them himself.

When applying for a new ID card in May, White — then an E-4 — told the clerk he was eligible for promotion to E-5. When he was caught, he lied about it to investigators, according to the summary.

Before his court-martial Oct. 14 in Tikrit, White had previously been reduced to the lowest enlisted rank as part of nonjudicial punishment for the theft of a government computer. Besides the prison time, Judge (Col.) James Pohl also handed White a bad-conduct discharge for the latest charges.

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International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Campaign

The International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Campaign will be conducted in Germany during October. The purpose of this Campaign is to encourage motor vehicle owners to have the vehicles inspected prior to the onset of winter weather.

The U.S. Forces are an active participant in this program, offering free inspections to U.S. Forces personnel owning privately-owned vehicles. AAFES Car Care Centers, U.S. Forces Vehicle Inspection Stations, and all auto repair shops on the economy provide free inspections in support of the International Motor Vehicle Lighting campaign.

The Campaign is conducted each year during October to correct deficiencies prior to the more hazardous winter driving season. This is the time when hours of darkness increase and winter road and weather conditions begin. German garages, AAFES Car Care Centers and most U.S. Forces Vehicle Inspection Stations will be conducting courtesy (free of charge) inspections to check vehicle lighting systems to include headlights, taillights, fog lights and turn signals.

In addition to the lighting inspection, AAFES Car Care Centers will also inspect windshield wipers, exhaust systems and tires. Those AAFES Car Care Centers equipped with a brake analyzer will test brake systems. Any repair work to correct deficiencies is, of course, chargeable to the vehicle owner. In addition to the complete automobile safety inspections, U.S. Forces Vehicle Inspection Stations also offer the lighting systems inspection only. Upon successful completion of the lighting system inspection, a safety sticker will be affixed to the windshield showing that the vehicle has successfully passed the inspection.

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Commander of 343rd is relieved of duty

By JON R. ANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

The commander of the 343rd Quartermaster Company was relieved of duty Thursday, one week after a platoon of her soldiers refused to conduct a resupply mission in Iraq, according to military officials.

The supply commander "asked to be relieved and her request was granted," said Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, a spokesman for the coalition forces in Iraq. The name of the officer, a captain, was withheld for privacy reasons.

Up to 19 troops in the company, a Reserve unit from Rock Hill, S.C., are under investigation after they failed to report for a company muster at a logistics outpost in Tallil on Oct. 13.

"The outgoing commander is not suspected of misconduct and the move has nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of anyone involved," said Boylan.

Boylan declined to confirm or deny reports that senior leaders in the 343rd's parent command had lost faith in her ability to lead. CNN, quoting unnamed Pentagon officials, said the captain was relieved because of a loss of faith in her ability to lead

Military says captain of unit that refused resupply mission requested to step down

following the breakdown in discipline among her troops.

"I don't know if that's accurate," said Boylan, "but if that's the case, it's between her and the command."

Boylan said the captain has been reassigned to a new position "commensurate with her rank and experience." The name of her replacement was not released.

Meanwhile, investigations into the incident are ongoing.

Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers, commander of the Fort Hood, Texas-based 13th Corps Support Command — the parent headquarters for the quartermaster company — told reporters on Sunday that he had ordered two informal inquiries into the incident.

One will focus on whether criminal prosecution should be pursued, while the other will explore the reason behind the soldiers' refusal.

"They are at Tallil now collecting interviews and taking statements from the soldiers involved," said Boylan.

Troops have told family members that they were being sent on a "suicide mission" and complained of old, broken-down equipment. Chambers acknowledged that the platoon's fleet of big-rig fuel haulers was not equipped with armor plating designed to protect against roadside bombs and ambushes, the favored tactic of insurgents in Iraq.

Chambers' spokesman, Maj. Richard Spiegel, said it's unclear when the investigations would be completed, but added that the general has "emphasized quality over speed."

In Washington, meanwhile, a dozen Democrats have penned a letter to the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., seeking oversight hearings on incidents ranging

from the 343rd Quartermaster Company to continued reports of troops insufficiently equipped to operate in Iraq.

"While we understand that the Department of Defense has taken steps to address equipment shortfalls, we are concerned that ... there are still shortages of vital, life-saving equipment urgently needed by our men and women in harm's way," reads a portion of the letter.

While Hunter denies the issue important, it is unlikely the committee can squeeze in additional hearings during Congress' brief return to Capitol Hill in November, said Harald Stavenas, Hunter's press secretary. Much of the members' time will be spent debating HR 10, the so-called "9/11 bill" of recommendations from the 9/11 Commission to fight terror.

"We have and will continue to conduct robust oversight and hearings to ensure the safety of our troops," Stavenas said. "Our work is done around the clock and year-round — not just when Congress is in session." The issue of hearings likely will be taken up when the 109th Congress returns in January.

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Gunmen fire on busload of women in Iraq, killing one

By TINI TRAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen opened fire Thursday on a bus carrying female employees of Iraqi Airways to the Baghdad airport, killing one woman and wounding 14 others, an airline official said.

U.S. commanders have spoken of a new offensive ahead of Iraq's crucial elections in January aimed at suppressing insurgents who control a number of central Sunni Muslim cities, particularly the stronghold of Fallujah, where peace negotiations with city leaders have broken down.

Fallujah leaders on Thursday called on Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's government to force a halt to the frequent U.S. airstrikes in the city. A day earlier, a senior Sunni cleric, Sheikh Harith al-Duri, urged Iraqis to boycott January's elections if the Americans launch an all-out attack on the city.

In other violence, a series of strong explosions were heard shortly after sundown in central Baghdad, but the cause of the blasts could not be immediately

determined. Sirens blared in the Green Zone shortly after at least five explosions were heard, indicating that the target could have been the U.S.-controlled international district on the western bank of the Tigris river.

Hospital officials said Thursday that a pair of suicide car bombings in Samarra killed 10 Iraqi civilians and injured 14 others. Earlier reports put the death toll at one.

Residents said the twin blasts Wednesday afternoon ruined five shops and that sporadic gunfire broke out afterward, damaging several vehicles in Samarra, a city 60 miles north of Baghdad, that U.S. and Iraqi forces retook earlier this month from insurgents.

Iraqi officials have cited Samarra as an example of how U.S. and government forces can take control of restive cities which became insurgent strongholds after the Americans transferred sovereignty back to the Iraqis on June 28.

Meanwhile, the husband of the kidnapped daughter of CARE International's operation in Iraq made a plea in Baghdad for her release, saying she has spent her

life helping Iraqis.

Margaret Hassan, a British-Irish-Iraqi national, was abducted on her way to work early Tuesday by gunmen who blocked her route and dragged the driver and a companion from the car, said her husband Taha Hassan, 41.

"Release my wife. She's Iraqi, she's working for a humanitarian organization and I ask you to release her," Ali Hassan said, addressing the kidnappers, at a press conference.

The attack on the airline workers occurred on the main road linking the airport with central Baghdad, an airline official said on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. State Department has described travel between central Baghdad and the airport as "particularly dangerous."

Hassan

GI sentenced to 8 years for Abu Ghraib prison abuse

By TINI TRAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The highest ranking soldier charged in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal was sentenced Thursday to eight years in prison for abusing inmates.

Staff Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick, 38, an Army reservist from the prison scandal was sentenced Thursday to eight years in prison for abusing inmates.

The sentencing came a day after he pleaded guilty to eight counts of abusing and humiliating Iraqi detainees.

It was the longest prison sentence yet in connection with the scandal that broke worldwide in April with the publication of photos and video that showed U.S. soldiers abusing naked Iraqis in the prison on the western outskirts of Baghdad.

Frederick — a military policeman and former Virginia corrections officer — acknowledged his part in the scandal, admitting that he hooked up wires on hook wires on the hands of a detainee who was told he would be electrocuted if he fell off a box and that he forced prisoners to masturbate.

But Frederick also blamed his chain of command, telling the court Wednesday that military intelligence officers ordered prisoners to be publicly stripped and degraded.

He testified that he was given no training or support in supervising detainees and only learned of regulations against mistreatment after the abuses occurred between October and December last year. He said that when he brought issues up with his commanders, "they told me to do what MI told me to do," referring to military intelligence.



AP photo

U.S. Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick, in this 2003 photo taken in Kuwait, was sentenced Thursday to eight years in prison for abusing inmates at Abu Ghraib.

Defense Counsel Gary Myers on Thursday called the sentence "excessive" and said he would seek a new trial.

"Punish him yes. But please try to understand the defense's point of view that there is corporate responsibility," Myers said. "We discovered that he has no abhorrent tendencies."

Army Prosecutor Major Michael Holley told the court it was a simple case of right and wrong.

"He's an adult and capable of telling, as we learned, the difference between right and wrong. How much training do you need to learn that it's wrong to force a man to masturbate?" he said.

"I was wrong about what I did and I shouldn't have done it," Frederick told the judge, Army Col. James Pohl. "I knew it was wrong at the time because I knew it was a form of abuse."

He pleaded guilty to eight counts of conspiracy, dereliction of duty, mistreatment of detainees, assault and committing an indecent act.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,103 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 846 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is 1 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bul-

garia, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq ended, 965 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 737 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the Pentagon's numbers.

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Home sweet home at LSA Anaconda

Though attacked often, sprawling military base offers most of the amenities of home

BY JULIANA GITTLER
Stars and Stripes

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq — The afternoon sun shimmers off the water as soldiers lob a volleyball around the pool.

Nearby, others break a sweat in the indoor racquetball court. In the evening, a newly released blockbuster plays at the theater. Don't forget the popcorn and Juyfruits.

At one of the largest and busiest military bases in Iraq, service members assigned to — or fortunate enough to visit — Logistics Support Area Anaconda have the closest thing to home in a combat zone.

Blessed with many pre-existing luxuries, such as an Olympic-size pool and movie theater, the former Iraqi air base has become a semiparadise in the desert.

Never mind that it's also one of the most-often attacked bases, receiving mortar and rocket hits almost daily. Everyone loves the chance to visit.

"This exceeded all expectations I had of a combat zone," said Spc. Joseph Rieke, who recently arrived in Iraq with the 161st Infantry Battalion of the 81st Brigade Combat Team.

During their first stay in Anaconda before heading out to a forward operating base, Rieke and his fellow soldiers enjoyed the colossal 24-hour gym with basketball and racquetball courts, the pool, and the cuisine in one of five cathedral dining facilities.

"The food here is better than Fort Lewis [Wash.]," Rieke said. "I'm not going to call it a vacation, but this is nice."

Every day, more and more



JULIANA GITTLER/Stars and Stripes

Spc. George Romero, with the 512 Maintenance Company from Mannheim, Germany, buys drinks from the concessionaires at LSA Anaconda's movie theater. Partially built by Iraqis, the theater plays first-run movies and sells the same movie goodies offered at home, such as Juyfruits.

troops living at Anaconda moved from tent cities into air-conditioned trailers. Every day, more of the pre-existing buildings used for housing get running water and indoor plumbing.

And every day, work continues on some of the luxuries to come: a 20-megawatt power generator, water and waste water treatment plants and clean-air incinerator that will turn the base into something of a normal place.

It's a far cry from one year ago, when everyone lived in tents, ate

in tents and scurried across compounds to field latrines.

"It was pretty austere, really," said Lt. Col. Ed Patterson, Army director of the Department of Public Works and team leader of Facility Engineer Team 15, the body responsible for much of the reconstruction.

When U.S. forces first arrived at the air base, military leaders recognized the strategic value of a logistics hub and major airfield north of Baghdad. By mid-2003, about 7,000 people lived in tents around the airfield.

As the base grew, trailers sprouted including long-awaited ablution units bearing flush toilets and real showers. A power grid, run by generators, was established. Morale facilities grew. And more and more troops moved in.

About 25,000 servicemembers and civilians now call it home.

Anaconda has become a small city, with a fire department, police department, mayor's office, airport, theater, bus system and education center.

The shopping plaza has a Burger King and a Pizza Hut. Taco Bell, Popeye's Chicken, Subway and a Green Bean coffee shop are on the way.

"For the last year the focus has been quality of life," said Maj. Steven Smith, executive officer of the Garrison Support Unit, 852nd Rear Area Operations Center, which runs the mayor's cell. "If you have a good quality of life for people, it builds morale, it builds esprit."

The troops and civilians working at the base seem appreciative. "It's a lot nicer than I expected," said Angel Cuevas, a civilian working for L3 Communications. "We're at war, and we've got a gym."

The amenities provide a break

for the thousands living there as well as hundreds more who visit daily to pick up supplies for forward operating bases around the top half of the country.

Capt. Bob Ohi, commander of Company B, 336th Military Police Battalion, makes sure that his soldiers picking up supplies for their unit operating base nearby get a chance to unwind at Anaconda before returning.

Soldiers volunteer to escort convoys on their day off because it means a few hours at the pool, gym or possibly theater, he said. "We don't have anything like this. It's definitely a morale boost," Ohi said. "We try to give our guys a break and give them down time here."

Anaconda's comforts, however, are tempered by daily attacks and long waits indoors during code red alerts. Five soldiers and one civilian have died since January from indirect fire.

The theater may be nice, but sandbags still line the windows and doors. Three cement factories pour out concrete blast walls daily to cushion new housing trailers and living areas.

But as reconstruction and development continue and more services come online, Anaconda will continue to offer some respite and a taste of home, its leaders say.

"This place will really explode next year," Patterson said. "If you have to stay in northern Iraq, this is the place to be."

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2 soldiers sentenced for hashish possession

Two Task Force Danger soldiers found with hashish in their Iraq barracks rooms have been sentenced to prison terms, according to case summaries prepared by the task force's staff judge advocate.

Pvt. Edwin Escudero-Betancourt, 21, and Pvt. Jeffrey Vehovic, 25 — both from Company A of the Germany-based 299th Base Support Battalion — pleaded guilty to a single charge of drug possession.

According to the case summary, Escudero-Betancourt found the hashish in a box of watches he had purchased from an Iraqi man who approached him outside his base near Tikrit on June 27. He hid the drug in his portable housing unit and later sold some to Vehovic.

The military judge, Col. James Pohl, sentenced Vehovic to nine months and Escudero-Betancourt to seven months. Both also will receive bad-conduct discharges.

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Britain agrees to troop redeployment in Iraq

BY ED JOHNSON

The Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair's government agreed Thursday to meet a U.S. request and redeploy a battalion of 850 British troops into volatile central Iraq, despite strong opposition from lawmakers.

Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon told the House of Commons an armored battle group from the First Battalion Black Watch would move from their base in

southern Iraq, to free up U.S. troops for a stepped-up assault on insurgents.

Hoon said the British troops, complete with support units of medics, signalers and engineers, would redeploy within "Multinational Force West" — an area to the west of Baghdad where Sunni insurgents have been carrying out daily attacks on U.S. troops and Iraqis.

Hoon said the mission would be for a "limited and specified period of time, lasting weeks rather than months." But he de-

clined to give further details of the "location, duration or specifics of the mission" for security reasons.

The Black Watch would remain under U.K. operational command, Hoon said, adding there were no plans to raise British troop numbers within Iraq.

Britain has some 8,500 troops in Iraq, operating around the southern port city of Basra. Sending British soldiers into the more dangerous U.S.-controlled sector carries a risk of higher casualties and is

politically sensitive for Blair. Sixty-eight British soldiers have been killed in Iraq, compared with more than 1,000 U.S. troops.

Gen. John McColl, the senior British commander in Iraq, was quoted in The Times newspaper as saying more British troops could be sent to the country to boost security ahead of the Iraqi elections.

Hoon dismissed the report. "Can I emphasize that there are no plans to send a further 1,300 troops to Iraq as suggested this morning," he said.

Iraq violence said to keep monitors from Jan. election

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi authorities fear that the country's security crisis will discourage international monitors from coming here for the January election, a development that could cast doubt on the legitimacy of the crucial vote.

An American official familiar with election planning said the U.S. State Department has been unable to find nongovernmental organizations or foreign governments willing to send experts to monitor the election — largely because of security concerns.

Those fears were heightened by the kidnapping this week of CARE International's director for Iraq, Margaret Hassan. A British-Irish-Iraqi national, Hassan has lived here for 30 years and stayed on when other international workers fled following the upsurge of bombings and kidnappings.

The election is considered a critical step toward establishing democracy after decades of under Saddam Hussein. Voters will select a 275-member assembly that will draft a constitution, which if ratified, will provide the legal foundation for a second general election by the end of next year.

The presence of international monitors would help convince skeptics that the outcome reflected the will of Iraq's 25 million people, of whom about half are eligible voters.

With a Sunni Muslim insurgency raging and foreigners at risk, fears for the safety of international monitors are real. In Brussels, Belgium, a European Union official said the 25-nation community would like to help with the election, but doesn't know how. European nations have provided monitors for elections in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

"Certainly, we know that the security situation will prevent many international monitors from coming," said Farid Ayar, spokesman for the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq. "We have arrived at a crucial stage of the preparations and we are trying to overcome a lot of difficulties. We have come a long way."



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IN THE WORLD

European nations offer Iran nuke deal

Britain, France and Germany try to ease possible crisis with technology and trade

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — European negotiators worked to ease the nuclear standoff with Iran on Thursday by offering civilian nuclear technology and a trade deal in exchange for assurances that the Tehran regime will suspend uranium enrichment.

Britain, France and Germany were offering Iranian officials the enticements in a private meeting in Vienna, hoping to persuade the country to stop enrichment, which can be used both to generate electricity or build a nuclear weapon.

But even before they could make a formal pitch, Iran said Wednesday it had a compromise proposal which would not compromise its right to enrich uranium. The Iranians did not give details, but President Mohammad Khatami made it clear that his government had no intentions of stopping the practice.

"We expect that our legitimate rights be recognized and that Iran not be deprived of nuclear technology," Khatami told reporters in Tehran. The main problem is that they say, "You should ignore your rights," and that we

would never do."

By offering the incentives, the three European powers are giving Iran one last chance to avoid the threat of U.N. sanctions.

Although Iran insists its nuclear activities are peaceful and geared purely toward generating electric power, the United States has accused it of running a clandestine weapons program.

On Nov. 25, the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency's 35-nation board of governors will deliver a fresh assessment of Iran's cooperation — or lack of it — with the nuclear watchdog agency. The United States is pressing to re-assert its noncompliance to the U.N. Security Council, which has the power to impose sanctions.

The incentives being offered to Iran included a light-water nuclear reactor, the

possibility of buying nuclear fuel from the West and the promise of lucrative trade, diplomats said on condition of anonymity.

"We will have to see the offer. We have not seen anything yet," an Iranian official said. "And then we will have to take it to our capital. We really have to wait and see."

Iran is unlikely to cave in quickly to Western demands that it suspend enrichment, a diplomat familiar with the nuclear agency's dealings with Tehran told the AP.

"I wouldn't be surprised if Iran doesn't react until the eve of the board meeting" with any significant concessions, the official said.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the Bush administration does not endorse the European allies' incentive plan.

"Our view is that it's a European proposal, that it's for them to describe, for them to make," he said. "We haven't bought on, signed or endorsed it, but we know they are going to do it."

Boucher said the U.S. position "is that any discussion at this point of what might happen if the Iranians comply is probably pretty hypothetical."



Khatami

France expels students who defy head scarf rule

BY ELAINE GANLEY

The Associated Press

PARIS — France has quietly begun expelling Muslim girls for wearing head scarves to public schools in defiance of a new law banning conspicuous religious attire. Seven girls have

been expelled Tuesday for two more were expelled Thursday. Education authorities had held off meting out the punishment for students who have refused to respect the law, fearful of endangering the lives of two French hostages in Iraq whose captors have demanded the law be abolished.

However, a decision was made to proceed this week with a limited number of expulsions among the 72 cases of students refusing to comply with the law, which went into effect with the start of the academic year.

After disciplinary hearings Thursday morning, two girls were expelled from two middle schools in the town of Fiers, in

Normandy, in western France, said Fabrice Pellizzari, top aide at the Academy of Caen, which oversees schools in the region. The girls, not identified, were in 8th and 9th grade.

Several other expulsions were expected before the end of the week.

Another Muslim girl was expelled from a school in Fler on Wednesday and two 17-year-olds were expelled from a school in Mulhouse, in eastern France.

"They have just destroyed my life," 12-year-old

Khoulood told Le Monde newspaper after she and another girl were expelled Tuesday from the Jean Mace middle school in Mulhouse — the first students forced out of school since the law took effect.

"What they want is to see us in tight pants like all the girls," Khoulood was quoted as saying. Le Monde did not give her last name.

Recalcitrant students are sent before a disciplinary council when it appears clear they cannot be persuaded to conform to the



In the Sikh temple of Bobigny, France, French Sikhs Jasvir, right, and Bikramjit Singh have been kept out of class since September, in accordance with the law banning religious signs from public schools.

law. Most are Muslim girls, but Sikh boys refusing to remove their turbans also risk being expelled.

The kidnapping in Iraq of journalists Christian Chesnot and Christian Malbrunot, who entered their third month in captivity Wednesday, forced education authorities to tread softly. The Islamic Army of Iraq, a group that claimed to be holding the journalists and their Syrian driver, has demanded the law be abolished. The French government refused.

The cautious approach stretched a required period of dialogue with recalcitrant students

to the limit.

Disciplinary hearings this week are to resume after a vacation period marking the Roman Catholic All Saints Day holiday, which ends Nov. 3.

Education Minister Francois Fillon expressed satisfaction Tuesday with progress in resolving troublesome cases — some 600 at the start of the school year. Most were resolved through dialogue.

Critics contend the law contravenes fundamental rights and risks stigmatizing members of France's 5 million-strong Muslim population, western Europe's largest.

Construction on Russian skyscraper begins

MOSCOW — Although still only in its infancy, construction has begun on the building that is to be Europe's tallest, a shiny young brother to the dour Stalinist "Seven Sisters" skyscrapers that dominated Moscow's skyline for a half-century.

The first beam was put in place last week for the building called the "Eurasia tower," a mixed residential and office project that will consist of two soaring glass-clad buildings linked to an even taller stiletto-like tower, due for completion in 2007. The taller of the two buildings is to top out at 1,115 feet, 249 feet higher than the continent's current cham-

At least 60 dead in Chinese mine blast

BY JOE McDONALD

The Associated Press

BEIJING — A gas blast tore through a Chinese coal mine, killing at least 60 people in the country's deadliest mine accident this year, the government said Thursday. Officials reported that another 88 were missing and chances of finding them alive were slim. Some 446 people were at work in the Daping Mine southwest of Beijing at the time of the explosion and 298 escaped alive, said Sun Hongbin, deputy administrator of the State Administration of Work Safety.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the explosion occurred Wednesday night in Henan province. The agency cited local officials saying 60 miners were confirmed dead and more than 1,000 rescuers were searching for 88 others. Xinhua said most of the miners whose bodies had been found so far died of suffocation in the toxic fumes.

"The chances of the workers surviving are rather slim," Sun said at a news conference in Beijing.

State television said the gas density in the mine shot up from 2 percent to 40 percent in less than three minutes. Poor ventilation is a common problem in China's accident-prone mines.

The cause of the accident was under investigation, an official reached by telephone at the Henan Province Coal Mine Safety Inspection Bureau said. He refused to give his name.

The state-owned Daping Mine employs 4,100 people and is located at the mine offices under green canvas tarps for identification, Xinhua said. It said 20 injured miners were hospitalized, four of them in serious condition.

State television showed rescue workers in orange jumpsuits and hardhats rushing to the scene holding what appeared to be oxygen canisters and first aid kits.

"This accident exposed many problems in our works, such as that the fundamental facilities of coal mine work are still very weak and many loopholes still exist in our management on work safety," said Sun, the safety official.

China's coal mines are the world's deadliest, with thousands of deaths reported every year in explosions, underground floods and other accidents often blamed on negligence or lack of safety equipment.

Fires, floods and other accidents in coal mines killed 4,153 people in the first nine months of this year, the government said Thursday in a regular report on industrial safety.

IN THE STATES

Judge: Detainees need access to lawyers

BY GINA HOLLAND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge says terror suspects held by U.S. authorities at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba must be allowed to meet with lawyers and that their conversations cannot be monitored.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly said in her ruling on Wednesday that the government "attempts to erode this bedrock principle" of attorney-client privacy were backed by "a flimsy assemblage" of arguments.

The Supreme Court ruled in June that the 600 foreign-born

Attorney-client privilege upheld for terror suspects held at Gitmo

men then held in the Navy-run prison camp could challenge their captives in American courts.

Kollar-Kotelly, a former Justice Department attorney named to the bench by President Clinton, said that would be impossible without legal help.

"They have been detained virtually incommunicado for nearly three years without being charged with any crime. To say that [detainees'] ability to investigate the circumstances surround-

ing their capture and detention is 'seriously impaired' is an understatement," she wrote.

She also said it was impossible for the men "to grapple with the complexities of a foreign legal system and present their claims to this court" without attorneys, access to a law library and fluency in English.

"We are reviewing the decision," Justice Department spokesman John Nowacki said late Wednesday.

Michael Ratner, president of the New York Center for Constitutional Rights, which represents some of the detainees, called it "a wonderful vindication of what the Supreme Court said they had a right to have access to lawyers."

Multiple cases have been filed in federal court in Washington on behalf of Guantanamo detainees.

Kollar-Kotelly's decision, the most significant since the Supreme Court's June ruling, came in the case of three Kuwaiti nationals who have been held since shortly after Sept. 11, 2001.

More than 500 men from 40 countries are being held on suspicion of links to al-Qaida or the fallen Taliban regime.

SEC, Qwest settle suit

DENVER — The regional telecommunications company Qwest agreed Thursday to pay \$250 million to settle allegations that it improperly hoarded millions in revenue and that senior managers sought to cover it up.

The Securities and Exchange Commission filed the settlement agreement in federal court in Denver, capping a 2½-year investigation.

The complaint accuses Denver-based Qwest Communications International Inc. of booking one-time revenue from the sale or trade of fiber-optic capacity as recurring revenue from operations.

No right-to-die rehearing

TAMPA, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday declined a request from Gov. Jeb Bush to reconsider its decision striking down a state law designed to save the life of a severely brain-damaged woman at the center of a bitter right-to-die dispute.

The state's high court ruled 7-4 last month that Bush and state lawmakers overstepped their authority when they adopted the law ordering that Terri Schiavo's feeding tube be reinserted six days after her husband had it removed so she could die.

Bush's attorney asked the court for a rehearing, which was rejected without comment in a one-page ruling issued Thursday in Tallahassee.

Web-brokered transplant

DENVER — Setting aside ethical concerns, surgeons completed a kidney transplant Wednesday in what is believed to be the first operation where the donor and recipient met through a commercial Web site.

The donor and recipient were doing well after the four-hour surgery, Presbyterian St. Latic's Medical Center spokesman Stephanie Lewis said.

Bob Hickey, who lives in a mountain town near Vail, had needed a transplant since 1999 because of kidney disease but had grown tired of being on dialysis at a waiting list. He met donor Rob Smitty of Chattanooga, Tenn., through MatchingDonors.com, a for-profit Web site created in January to help donors and patients for a fee.

Dave Barry takes leave

MIAMI — Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry said he plans to take an indefinite leave of absence from The Miami Herald starting in January.

Barry, 57, said Tuesday he wants to spend more time with his family after a hectic summer covering the Democratic and Republican national conventions and the Athens Olympics. He said he may return in 2006.

His weekly column in the Herald is carried by 500 newspapers across the United States.

From The Associated Press

Study: Birth control pills cut risk of heart disease and some types of cancer

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Women on the birth control pill had surprisingly lower risks of heart disease and stroke and no increased risk of breast cancer, according to the largest women's health study ever done.

The findings by the Women's Health Initiative, the biggest study on oral contraceptives, are contrary to what many previous studies have found. Results from nearly 162,000 participants were presented Wednesday at an American Society for Reproductive Medicine conference.

The same federal study that led millions of women to abandon use of hormones after menopause now provides reassurance that the pill is safe. Doctors say the type of hormones and the stage of life when they're used may be what makes them helpful at one point and harmful at another.

"We're still learning more and more about the biology," said one of the researchers, Dr. Michael Diamond of Wayne State University in Detroit.

About 16 million American women currently take birth control pills and hundreds of millions have used them since the first one came on the market in 1960. Most combine synthetic forms of estrogen and progestin hormones.

Women taking these hormones after menopause were more likely to have heart disease and certain cancers — a finding that prompted part of the study to be stopped in 2002.

Previous research on oral contraceptives suggested that they, too, raised the chances of heart disease. But the new study found the opposite — lower risk of heart attacks, strokes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure

and other heart-related problems among the 67,000 women in the study who had ever taken the pill.

Overall, "there's an 8 percent risk reduction of ever having cardiovascular disease" among women who had ever taken birth control pills, said the lead researcher, Dr. Rami Victory of Wayne State. "If you use oral contraceptives early on, you're probably going to be protected later in life."

Women on the pill also had a 7 percent lower risk of developing any form of cancer — a small benefit that increased with age, said Dr. Victory said. For example, women who took birth control pills for four years or more had 42 percent lower risk of ovarian cancer and 30 percent lower chances of developing uterine cancer.

No effect was seen on the risk of some specific cancers — breast, colon or bladder. But that was good news because of the previous work suggesting pill use made breast cancer more likely.

Dr. Robert Rebar, a gynecologist who is executive director of the reproductive medicine group, said the type of hormone may make a difference, too. Birth control pills contain four to six times the amount of estrogen as even the lowest formulations of hormone replacement therapy. But the most popular form of the latter uses estrogen derived from horse urine; birth control pills use a synthetic, manufactured form of it.

"That is totally different," he said. "We can't equate them."

The \$625 million Women's Health Initiative study was done at 40 locations around the country and funded by the National Institutes of Health. Wyeth provided the hormone pills for the menopause portion of the study, but no oral contraceptive makers financed any part of that research.



Peter, John, center, and Rita Bargetto, right, take a walk after a prayer session for family members missing in a snowstorm Wednesday in Shaver Lake, Calif. Four members of the Bargetto's Santa Cruz County wine-making family have been missing since Sunday at a lake at 9,400 feet east of Fresno in the Sierra National Forest.

Two hikers killed in Sierras blizzard

BY TOM VERDIN
The Associated Press

SHAVER LAKE, Calif. — Crystal clear sky raised hopes Thursday in the search for 13 hikers missing after an intense storm hit the area, but help others who were stranded.

Rescuers also hoped to retrieve the bodies of two Japanese climbers that dangled about two-thirds of the way up the sheer 3,200-foot face of the famous El Capitan in Yosemite National Park.

The men were killed after the early blizzard dropped snow and rain across the Sierras on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The pair were among seven people on the wall when the storm hit, park ranger Deb Schweizer said. A solo climber was rescued Wednesday, and rangers labored against 4-foot snow and 50 mph wind gusts to reach a man and a woman Wednesday. The rangers remained with the couple on the face overnight, Schweizer said. Rangers did not consider the other climbers in danger.

Rescue workers also planned Thursday to bring out a San Luis Obispo couple spotted with their

dog in the Dinkley Lakes Wilderness east of Fresno.

The missing included four members of a Santa Cruz County winemaking family missing since Sunday near a high-alpine lake east of Fresno in the Sierra National Forest.

Two other groups of four were also missing, one in the Ansel Adams Wilderness near Yosemite's southern boundary and the other on Mount Whitney in Sequoia National Park. A lone hiker was missing in the Inyo national forest.

The two father-and-son pairs from the family that owns Bargetto Vineyards have been missing since Sunday from a 9,400-foot-elevation lake east of Fresno in the Sierra National Forest.

Rescuers found the family's car at the Fourtourt Reservoir, in a remote area northeast of Fresno, and were trying to hike the same route the missing group was supposed to take, a 1,200-foot climb to Rae Lake.

The four men believed to be in the Ansel Adams Wilderness were described as experienced hikers ages 45 to 75 from the San Francisco Bay area city of Lafayette.

Candidates push hard in northern states

Bush makes Pennsylvania his home away from home

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His White House away from the White House is as likely this year to be in Pennsylvania as Texas, but President Bush doesn't mind. With his re-election campaign winding down, the rancher-president thinks fence-mending is more urgent up north.

The Republican, who has dubbed his Crawford, Texas, ranch the "Western White House," makes his 40th and 41st trips to Pennsylvania when he visits Downingtown, Hershey and Wilkes-Barre leading into the weekend.

In comparison, Bush has visited his Crawford home 40 times since 2001, according to the White House travel office. He returns to Texas on Saturday for his 41st since taking office.

"Maybe he's trying to claim Pennsylvania residency to vote," quipped presidential scholar Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bush's challenger in the Nov. 2 election, Democrat John Kerry, made his 21st political visit to Pennsylvania on Wednesday for a Pittsburgh rally. His wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, has a house in suburban Pittsburgh, where they often stay.

Bush has visited Pennsylvania — which has 21 electoral votes, the fifth-largest amount — more than any other state. He narrowly lost there in 2000.

Because the real White House is relatively close, Bush rarely stays overnight in the state.

Jamieson said his travels won't directly deliver him more votes, but the trips have helped increase his visibility in Pennsylvania while energizing campaign workers who are trying to win over voters.

Bush campaign spokesman Kevin Madden said the trips reflect the president's interest in the state — and its voters.

"Pennsylvania has seen plenty of presi-



President Bush signs the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act on Thursday in the Roosevelt Room at the White House as Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., left, Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., center, and Sharon Smith look on. The act deals with youth suicide after intervention and prevention.

dential footsteps around the state, and I think it's fair to say we will see plenty of visits right up until November 2," Madden said.

Kerry spokesman Mark Nevins said that for all of Bush's attention, Pennsylvanians "don't have much to show for it."

"We will have fewer jobs on his 41st visit than we did on his first, fewer people will have health care coverage on his 41st visit than on his first," Nevins said. "Pennsylvania is headed in the wrong direction, and people are ready for a change, and 41 visits isn't going to change that."

Kerry takes aim at voters, geese in key state of Ohio

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

BOARDMAN, Ohio — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said he bugged a goose on his swing-state hunting trip Thursday, but his real target was the voters who may harbor doubts about him.

Kerry returned after a two-hour hunting trip wearing a camouflage jacket and carrying a 12-gauge shotgun, but someone else carried the bird he said he shot.

"I'm too lazy," Kerry joked. "I'm still giddy over the Red Sox. It was hard to focus."

Kerry adviser Mike McCurry said it's important in the final days of the campaign that voters "get a better sense of John Kerry, the guy."

That means the Democratic senator is spending some of the dwindling time before Election Day hunting, talking about his faith and watching his beloved Red Sox.

It's all part of an effort to win over swing voters who may be open to voting against President Bush but aren't sure they feel any connection with Kerry.

While the Democrat campaigns as an all-American, his political opponents are working to leave voters with a different impression.

Bush tells voters that Kerry is on the "left bank" of society, opposing a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. Kerry does not support gay marriage but says the matter is for states to decide, and he favors civil unions for same-sex couples.

Campaigning in Ohio, Vice President Dick Cheney on Thursday criticized Kerry's hunting excursion, saying, "The Second Amendment is more than just a photo opportunity."

The National Rifle Association said it bought a full-page ad in Thursday's Youngstown newspaper that says Kerry is posing as a sportsman while opposing gun-own-



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry returns from a goose hunting trip Thursday with Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio, in Poland, Ohio.

ers' rights. Kerry has denied NRA claims that he wants to "take away" guns, but he supported the ban on assault-type weapons and requiring background checks at gun shows.

Meanwhile, labor unions have been circulating fliers among workers that say Kerry won't take away guns.

The last time Kerry went hunting was October 2003 in Iowa, a state where he was trailing in the Democratic primary but came from behind to win.

Hunting is of particular interest in several of the states that are still up for grabs in the presidential race. Kerry bought his hunting license last Saturday in one of the most critical — Ohio, which has 20 electoral votes.

Write-in ballot online

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will post on its Web site a federal write-in ballot for civilian and military voters overseas who do not get their regular absentee ballot in time, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Spokesman Lt. Col. Joe Richards said the ballot was being made available on the Web site for the first time at the request of both the Republican and Democratic parties. He said it was expected to be posted by Thursday.

The ballot can be downloaded onto the voter's computer, then must be printed, filled out and mailed to the voter's local election office. To qualify for the write-in ballot, the voter must have applied for a regular absentee ballot early enough that the request was received by the local election office at least 30 days before the election.

Local election offices in some states missed the deadline of Sept. 19 for sending out absentee ballots to ensure their timely return from overseas locales where mail service sometimes is slow.

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OPINION

Why this is true: Candidates crave coverage

BY EDWARD WASSERMAN

The clamor of the 2004 presidential campaigns has reawakened the idea that the news media should devote energy not just to reporting the ferocious exchange of claims and denials, but to refereeing it.

With so much rhetoric based on distortion and falsehood, why not? As a result we're seeing more effort going into evaluating candidate statements for their truthfulness and passing along the results. Added to the tired formula of stenographic reporting — "she said," he said" — is a third element: "we say." The hope is that exposure will shame candidates into respecting the facts.

For journalists, at issue is a tradition of objectivity that has been tottering for half a century, certainly since the press made Sen. Joseph McCarthy a huge celebrity for slandering large numbers of fellow citizens. Journalistic convention permitted, even demanded, that his hysterical allegations of disloyalty be reported straight.

Even if reporters disbelieved what he said, their job was to report the news, and it was news that McCarthy had said it.

A lot of people got hurt, and encouraging journalists to pause before they pass along assertions they know or suspect to be false seems like a good thing.

But there are problems with that. There's the traditionalist concern that the news media — already under heated scrutiny for signs of favoritism — would become an official party to electoral debate.

Who would be left to give a straight-up account of the claims and counterclaims that are the stuff of partisan political discourse? Still, it's hard to argue that the public is

well-served by honest accounts of dishonest assertions. How can you know whether the candidate who calls his opponent a liar isn't lying himself? Who's going to blow the whistle?

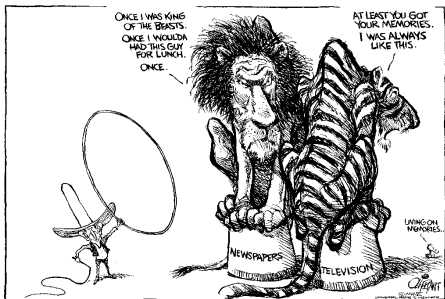
There's a bigger problem, the most sobering lesson of this campaign. It's that lies, even when exposed, work. Indeed, we're seeing a diabolical paradox: that exposing the lie enables it to work.

The anti-Bush people were so energized by "Fahrenheit 9/11," with its vicious depiction of a venal and conniving First Family, that they swallowed its claims as true. Maybe some were. But does anybody really believe that the Bushes were so corrupted by their business ties to the Saudis that the president redeployed military from Afghanistan to Iraq to avoid harming a personal benefactor named Osama bin Laden? That film took to heart its dubious veracity, and that critique became central to the outsized coverage that the film got in the media. Consequently, when the smoke cleared, "Fahrenheit 9/11" was established as a campaign document. A piece of cinematic propaganda had been ratified by refereeing.

It was answered by the Swift Boat contingent's anti-Kerry columns, again amplified and injected into mainstream discourse by the media — in the very course of debunking their truthfulness.

Isn't just that a lie refuted is a lie repeated. Apparently we've now entered an era where the liar expects to be called on the lie — and wants to be.

Isn't that Cheney's ridiculous assertion that he never met John Edwards before their vice presidential debate. Cheney is a smart guy with the world's best support staff. They planned to use this zinger.



They had to know it wasn't true. The next day's papers had photos proving it.

But Cheney's point was that Edwards was a legislative lightweight, not one of the Capitol Hill agenda-setters that even he would have had to deal with. A picture of them at a congressional reporter breakfast years ago did nothing but remake Cheney's point. So the lie was well worth it.

Or consider John Kerry's frequent reference to the \$200 billion cost of the Iraq war. Kerry has an awesome command of policy facts. If the current bill is \$140 billion, he knows that. Every time he says it's

half-again as costly, he knows he'll be called on it.

So be it. Each time he's challenged on that falsehood, the challenge draws attention to the continuing cost of a war that he insists deft statesmanship could have avoided. Again, the lie is worth it.

So we're left concluding that the zeal of the media in trying to referee fact-based debate has been turned into a practice that is more likely to reward deceit than to deter it.

The only real check is not to vote for liars. It'd be nice to think that was still an option.

Edward Wasserman is Knight professor of journalism ethics at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. He wrote this column for The Miami Herald.

We exercise our rights until they are exhausted

BY BARBARA ANDERSON

WHADDAYA MEAN. We can't get our flu shots this year! We have a right to our flu shots.

Further, we are entitled to cheap flu shots, even free ones. I mean, we need them; without them, we might get sick. So here we are, arms bared, waiting for the needle. So where is it? Uh, dudes. What if one wants to provide it? Time to take another look at the phrase "right to." And the word "entitled."

Start with the Declaration of Independence. We have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — it's self-evident. God's endowed us. I'm sure that Thomas Jefferson was correct about this.

But what if no one wants to help us sustain our life? What if no one wants to be a doctor, or a nurse, or a drug company? Will God co-venture "volunteers" to fulfill the endowment? Waiting, waiting. Where is God with my flu shot? Jefferson said government was instituted to secure our rights. So I guess if no one wants to be a doctor, a nurse, or a drug company, the government should draft them. You want to be a teacher? A carpenter? Run an airline, or work for a utility company? Forget it. The government wants you in medicine.

But, but ... we're entitled to an education, too. And to housing.

Make that "affordable" housing. We're entitled to travel across America in a few hours for a few hundred dollars. Heating oil, gas and electricity should be affordable. We are entitled to cheap gasoline for our cars.

I am, therefore I think I'm entitled. We need them, therefore someone must provide. We want, so God and the government had better make someone give us whatever.

But, but ... if some people are drafted to

provide, are forced to give, what happened to their entitlement to liberty and the pursuit of their own happiness? Well, we all have to get together for the common good. We have to sacrifice some of our liberty to ensure life and the pursuit of happiness for all of us.

OK, so Jefferson mispoke. He meant to say we have a right to life and the pursuit of happiness at the expense of other people's liberty and the singular pursuit of their own happiness. But, but ... who are these other people? Didn't God endow them, too? Never mind. It's obvious what has to be done to get us our flu shots. The government has to tell American drug companies to hire more people (draft them, if necessary), build more facilities, and make and distribute more vaccines to doctors and clinics. And make it quick, and make it cheap. None of these obscene profits, you evil drug companies, you.

And since we have a right to not only flu

shots but also total medical care, the government may someday have to draft doctors. If they don't like it, too bad — and tell them to stop complaining about those malpractice-insurance premiums. Tell the insurance companies to stop complaining about mandated coverage. Don't they understand — we are entitled to excellent, affordable health care, provided by doctors who don't make mistakes.

And what, our own insurance premiums are going up ... again? We have co-pays? Deductibles? Just to receive our endowment from God?

We have a right to auto insurance, too. There were insurance companies that didn't care to provide it under Massachusetts conditions anyway, and left the state. Our government wanted to force them to stay, but involuntary servitude having been abolished throughout the land, the government had to settle for making the companies pay a fine if

they left. What if they all pay it? Funny — new companies aren't standing in line to draft care here. Who will give us the auto insurance to which we are entitled?

I know that they meant well, but perhaps our Founding Fathers should have given some thought to the law of unintended consequences before they began the Revolution with a statement about rights. At the very least, they might have done a footnote: "Just because a right is self-evident doesn't mean that it is automatically provided at someone else's expense."

Because what we seem to have, 228 years later, is a very unrealistic entitlement mentality built into our national outlook.

Where are my entitlements — my affordable life at the expense of other people's liberties and, most of all, my darn flu shot? Tell me: I have a right to executive director of Massachusetts-settled Citizens for Limited Taxation. This column first appeared in The Providence (R.I.) Journal.

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Mallard Fillmore



YOUR MONEY

Airline woes affect fliers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With two major airlines — United and US Airways — in bankruptcy protection and Delta Air Lines creeping ever closer, passengers are increasingly worried about some fundamental issues of air travel such as aircraft safety, customer service and transferring of tickets.

Whenever an airline plunges into bankruptcy proceedings, or moves to the verge, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) automatically increases the level of surveillance of the carrier's maintenance operations.

FAA spokeswoman Alison Duquette said United, US Airways and Delta are on the FAA's "heightened surveillance list," which means the airlines' ramp operations, training, recordkeeping and maintenance facilities are inspected more often than usual. Stepped-up inspections also occur when an airline begins seeking pay cuts from its employees, Duquette says. All three carriers have sought billions of dollars in pay and benefits cuts.

Customer service typically takes a hit when airlines begin slashing workers' wages. Morale gets bruised and passengers see the difference at the ticket counter and on board their flights. United has asked for still more concessions from workers in its bid to obtain financing to emerge from Chapter 11 reorganization. The airline's employees gave up about \$2.5 billion in pay and benefits when the airline filed for bankruptcy protection nearly two years ago. Last week, the majority of US Airways' 20,000 employees were forced by a bankruptcy court to accept a 21 percent pay cut through February. Employees there gave up about \$1.2 billion during US Airways' first Chapter 11 filing two years ago.

"The quality of customer service has almost started to go down — not just at US Airways. Airlines just don't want to pay for labor," said Pam Terry, president of the Communications Workers of America Local 2000, which represents US Airways' airport controller service agents and club workers.

She said 10 of 170 US Airways agents at Reagan National Airport have decided to retire by

American Airlines fees urge e-tickets overseas

The Associated Press

PORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines said Tuesday that it will add a fee to encourage customers outside the United States to switch from paper tickets to electronic ones.

The fee will be \$25 in the Caribbean and Latin America, including Mexico, with the charge converted to local currencies.

Paper tickets bought from travel agents in Italy, Spain, Belgium and France will be charged a fee of \$28, and those in the United Kingdom will be charged about \$45.

American said 91 percent of its passengers travel on electronic tickets. Last Tuesday, American said it wants regulatory approval to begin daily nonstop flights between Chicago and Nagoya, Japan, in April and to resume daily nonstop between Dallas and Osaka, Japan, beginning in November 2005.

American said it had applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fly the routes with 737-300 Boeing 777s. If approved, American could have seven routes between the United States and Japan.

year-end as a result of the airline's current financial troubles. To make up for a loss in manpower at the counters, airlines are rolling out growing number of electronic ticket kiosks in airports and sending more travelers to the Internet.

Legislation was enacted following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that requires airlines to honor tickets on a default carrier for a fee of no more than \$25 each way. The legislation was put forward in anticipation of troubles in the airline industry following the attacks. It is set to expire Nov. 19, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., have proposed extending it. Lawmakers are expected to vote on the legislation when Congress reconvenes in mid-November.

Quality standards may not translate

Dear Tom and Ray:

Hi, guys. I figure you might have an answer to my dilemma: I am moving to Turkey (that's the country, not the bird) and have to decide what kind of car to buy there. The options are a pickup truck, like a Nissan Frontier crew cab, versus a compact car, like a VW Golf.

I'm a fan of the models of these two cost around the same: about 35 billion to 40 billion Turkish Lira (which translates to about US\$30,000). The pickup has a diesel engine, which is much cheaper to run (gas costs about three times more in Europe than here).

And my folks have a vineyard in Turkey, so I would be able to use the pickup for jobs on the farm, too. But I'm also concerned about safety and comfort (the vineyard is about three hours from where I'll live). Some Italian drivers in Turkey are not divided, and the drivers there put highway drivers to shame when it comes to obeying rules, so I have nightmares of having a head-on collision in this pickup truck. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gives high marks for the Golf, but not for the Nissan. Can I really compare the two? Which one will I be safer in? Thanks a bunch! And if you respond, I'll bring you a bottle of my wine the next time I'm in the country! — Ray

RAY: I'd go for the truck, Batu. It's not THAT uncomfortable. Plus, the diesel, being more primitive technology, will be more reliable for you over there. Not to mention the savings in fuel costs and the ability to separate the passenger compartment from the cargo area (those readers who work in the agricultural sector

will understand immediately why that is desirable).

TOM: As for safety, yes, the Golf has better crash protection, under most circumstances. Although the Frontier doesn't rate badly in the U.S. crash tests, either. But let's say you buy the Golf and you do survive a head-on crash on a

highway ... you'll probably die from the

staph infection you get at the rural Turkish hospital anyway. So, it might be better to go quickly. Given the choices, I'd say the pickup truck is just the ticket, Batu.

RAY: My brother's not being serious, Batu. But you should know that cars sold in different countries are not always sold with the same test results for vehicles in the United States, they might not apply to the Golf or Frontier you buy in Turkey. You'll have to find out whether the Turkish versions of those cars are exactly the same as the cars sold in other European countries. And if so, check the European safety data for guidance.

TOM: But we would advise you to "do as the Ankarans do." Buy a vehicle that's common over there, so it'll be easy to get serviced and easy to sell when the time comes. And get a diesel.

RAY: And by the way, Batu, I think this wonderful advice is worth more than just one bottle of wine.

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Amgen		37514		17.09		-1.41		Amgen		131945		16.5		+1.5		Microsoft		687699	
Boeing		36133		31.0		-0.38		Boeing		42110		21.5		+0.5		Cisco		521962	
General Dynamics		24227		24.92		-0.21		General Dynamics		36415		10.5		+0.5		Apple		343631	
IBM		27139		26.38		-1.10		IBM		93340		38.8		-1.1		Applied		301158	
Microsoft		11212		31.0		-0.38		Microsoft		14327		10.0		+0.5		Sun		257510	
Amphenol		21336		51.10		-0.88		Amphenol		70213		9.76		-0.88		Eaton		337870	
AMD		17974		15.41		-0.46		AMD		36964		3.08		+0.46		Electra's		228814	
AMD		17974		15.41		-0.46		AMD		36964		3.08		+0.46		USG Corp		189176	

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS					
Name	Vol	FE	Net	52-week	52-week
Alliant Techsystems	-14	56.78	-1.27	-1.27	-1.27
Airbus	20	38.80	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30
Boeing	20	38.80	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30
Boeing	20	38.80	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30
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Boeing	20	38.80	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS					
Name	NAV	NAV	NAV	NAV	NAV
Fidelity Invest. Growth	35.51	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48
Fidelity Invest. Growth	35.51	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48
Fidelity Invest. Growth	35.51	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48
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Fidelity Invest. Growth	35.51	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48
Fidelity Invest. Growth	35.51	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48	-0.48

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.2990
British pound	\$1.88
Japanese yen (Oct. 23)	106.00
South Korean won (Oct. 22)	1,112.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.88
Canada (Dollar)	1.2445
Denmark (Krone)	5.57
Egypt (Pound)	6.25
Euro	\$1.29
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.78
Hungary (Forint)	195.69

Israel (Sheqel)	4.43
Japan (Yen)	108.1
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2946
Norway (Krone)	6.1
Philippines (Peso)	56.3
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.1
Singapore (Dollar)	1.67
South Korea (Won)	1,140.5
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1
U.A.E. (Baht)	41.1
Turkey (Lira)	1,483.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military bank facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates, see page 10.)

PRECIOUS METALS					
Currency	Rate	Gold	\$422.00	Silver	\$7.18
London close	\$422.00	Gold	\$422.00	Silver	\$7.18
Gold	\$422.00	Gold	\$422.00	Silver	\$7.18
Silver	\$7.18	Gold	\$422.00	Silver	\$7.18
Gold	\$422.00	Gold	\$422.00	Silver	\$7.18
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Gold	\$422.00	Gold	\$422.00	Silver	\$7.18
Silver	\$7.18	Gold	\$422.00	Silver	\$7.18

INTEREST RATES					
Rate	Rate	Prime rate	4.75	Discount rate	2.75
Prime rate	4.75	Discount rate	2.75	3-month bill	4.75
Discount rate	2.75	3-month bill	4.75	6-month bill	4.75
3-month bill	4.75	6-month bill	4.75	1-year bill	4.75
6-month bill	4.75	1-year bill	4.75	2-year bill	4.75
1-year bill	4.75	2-year bill	4.75	3-year bill	4.75
2-year bill	4.75	3-year bill	4.75	4-year bill	4.75
3-year bill	4.75	4-year bill	4.75	5-year bill	4.75
4-year bill	4.75	5-year bill	4.75	10-year bill	4.75
5-year bill	4.75	10-year bill	4.75	30-year bill	4.75
10-year bill	4.75	30-year bill	4.75	100-year bill	4.75
30-year bill	4.75	100-year bill	4.75	100-year bill	4.75
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Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Avoiding sick days

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NEW YORK — Your time is money. Getting sick is a waste of time and money. So, if you're feeling under the weather, take a day off work and get some rest. It's the best way to avoid getting sick.

Influenza is one of the leading illnesses that make Americans sick. It's spread by droplets in the air, and it's highly contagious. If you're sick, you should stay home and avoid public places. If you're not sick, you should get a flu shot.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that at-risk populations get a flu vaccination.

If you don't qualify for a vaccination, there are still several things you can do to avoid getting sick.

■ Avoid contact with people who are already sick. Cover

your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough.

■ Wash your hands several times a day — especially after you sneeze or cough — with warm water and soap. If you get the flu, stay home from work or school to avoid transmitting it to others.

■ To find a flu clinic or provider near you, talk to your regular vaccine provider to make sure that you fit into one or more at-risk categories. Your physician or local health department may be able to offer assistance in locating clinics that have flu vaccinations available.

■ You also might call the American Lung Association at (800) LUNG-USA, or visit their Web site at www.findafluhot.com, which lists known flu shot clinics by ZIP code.

Circus protest ruling

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Confining animal rights activists to small spaces while they were protesting circuses and rodeos at the state-run Cow Palace in San Francisco violated their constitutional free-speech rights, a federal appeals court ruled.

Activist Alfredo Ruba brought the case, saying small "free-expression zones" set hundreds of feet from the entrance stifled him and others from protesting circuses and rodeos. A unanimous three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

"Confining protesters off in a free expression zone the size of a parking space, located over 200 feet from the entrance, far from encouraging interaction with them, is more likely to give the impression to passers-by that these are people to be avoided," Judge Marsha S. Berzon wrote.

Campus police reports

KY FRANKFORT — The University of Kentucky Police Department was wrong to black out victims' names from campus police reports before releasing the documents to the public, the attorney general's office ruled.

The opinion found that the school had not proved it was in the public interest to allow victims to choose whether they wanted their names released.

"Contrary to the views expressed by UKPD, the disputed incident reports are matters of public interest and are public records," according to the opinion.

UK had given the Kentucky Kernel, the school's student newspaper, copies of eight police reports with crime victims' names, addresses and other personal information blacked out. The newspaper appealed to Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Swastika spray-painter

NY NEW YORK — A woman admitted shortly after her arrest that she spray-painted swastikas in Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens because she was angry about her Jewish ex-husband's new wife, police said.

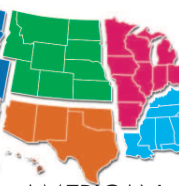
The woman, Olga Abramovich, 49, of Brooklyn, was charged with criminal mischief and related crimes, police said.

Police said Abramovich admitted targeting about 20 sites, including several synagogues, because she was angry at her former husband for marrying a younger woman. They said she also married two police cars because she was upset about receiving a summons.

Illegal immigrant maid

WI MILWAUKEE — Two physicians have been indicted on charges alleging that for 20 years they kept an illegal immigrant in their home, a woman who told investigators she was not paid or allowed to leave without an escort except for shopping.

Jefferson N. Calimlim and Elnora M. Calimlim of Brookfield were



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charged with one count each of harboring an illegal immigrant and conspiracy to harbor an illegal immigrant, and were freed without bail.

"To hold a domestic servant in virtual servitude for 20 years is a shocking callous disregard for our nation's most deeply held values," said Brian Falvey, resident agent in charge for U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement in Milwaukee.

A defense attorney denied the accusations.

Orcas' safe trip

WA SEATTLE — Washington state's resident killer whales, with two newborns in tow, dodged a potentially lethal roadblock in their voyage south to feast on a healthy run of chum salmon, experts say.

If the orcas had departed a week earlier, they could have run into pollution from a 1,000-gallon oil spill near Tacoma recently, said Ken Balcomb at the Center for Whale Research in the San Juan Islands.

"Hopefully they'll skirt the spill," Balcomb said, referring to thin deposits that cleanup technology cannot recover.

"As long as the whales don't swim through it and inhale it,"



A deal is a deal

As part of a deal between superintendent and elementary school principal Mark Spradling and his students in Middletown, Ohio, he agreed to spend 24 hours on the school's roof if the students raised more than \$55,000 during a recent walk-a-thon.

they should be OK, he said.

Researchers had attributed the deaths of several Alaska killer whales to the 1989 oil spill from the tanker Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound.

Tire cleanup planned

VA RICHMOND — Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality plans to get rid of the 3 million discarded tires remaining at 342 dumps around the state over the next 18 months.

The launch of "Operation Clean Sweep" in November was announced by department director Robert Q. Burnley.

The department will award contracts of \$3 million to transport the old tires to processing facilities, a statement by Burnley said.

He said the cleanup project will be financed by a three-year increase in the recycling fee consumers pay when they buy tires.

The 2003 General Assembly raised the fee from 50 cents to \$1 per tire.

The bulk of the state's work is finished. When the cleanup effort began in 1992, 22.6 million tires littered the state.

Boy abandoned

TX ARLINGTON — Neighbors at an apartment complex took turns caring for a young boy after his mother disappeared, waiting weeks to call police, authorities say.

The young boy, known as "Teddy," told neighbors he is 3 but may be as old as 5, one caretaker said.

His mother left him with a friend while she went to a store in July and never came back, so neighbors fed and cared for him, hoping "Julie" or "Julie Ann" would return.

"Many of them were under the impression that the mother would return," said Christy Gilfoyle, an Arlington police spokesman.

Someone finally gave up on Sept. 14 and reported to police that the boy had been abandoned.

Police and Child Protective Services caseworkers released Teddy's picture and began telling his story in hopes of finding relatives or someone who knows his mother.

Inmate with cancer

NH DOVER — A judge has refused to release an inmate who has cancer from the state prison, and the inmate said the ruling essentially is a death sentence.

Donald MacDonald, 78, of Alton, was convicted of running down three children in 1995, killing one and seriously injuring the others. He was sentenced on May 8, 1996.

MacDonald asked Judge Bruce E. Mohl that his sentence be reduced because he said he is likely to die of cancer in prison before being eligible for release, according to his motion. He was sentenced to 15 to 30 years for manslaughter and 3½ to seven years more for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

The ruling means MacDonald would not be eligible for parole until he is at least 88.



Go-carting governor

Utah Gov. Olene Walker holds tight to the wheel of a miniature speedway car as she crosses the finish line in first place during the opening of the new Park Lane interchange in Farmington, Utah.



Rippin' the road

A snowboarder rides down Mount Rose highway in Reno, Nev. An early winter storm that dumped at least a foot of snow on the high Sierra continued to batter Lake Tahoe, snarling traffic but boosting skiers' spirits.

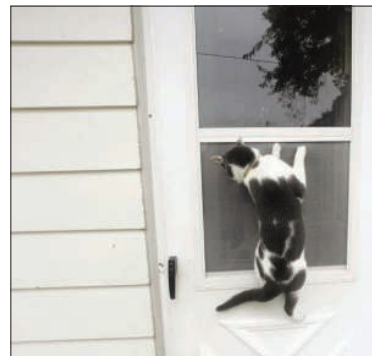


Patriotic pupil

Kevin Cutrara, 10, dressed as Uncle Sam to encourage fellow students to head to the polls for the Kids Voting program at Lincoln Heights Elementary School in Charlotte, N.C.



Well-deserved break Michael Neel, 16, takes a break from cleaning up storm damage by swinging at some golf balls on property where his home used to be before a tornado demolished it Monday in Sardis, Ark.



Clingy cat George the cat looks into the house of his owner Cathy Scott at her home near Romney, Ind. This is George's way of letting the Scotts' know that she wants in.



Pumpkin payroll An Amish farmer drives a wagonload of pumpkins from his field to his barn in Hillsdale County, Mich. The Amish in this southern Michigan have many acres of pumpkins to harvest.

Oyster payoff rejected

LA NEW ORLEANS — A \$1.3 billion judgment for south Louisiana oystermen who claimed a coastal restoration project ruined their business was thrown out by the state Supreme Court.

The case centered on a decision that the state should pay oystermen because of a 1991 freshwater diversion program that channeled some Mississippi River water and sediment into Breton Sound.

Oystermen, who leased water bottoms from the state for \$2 an acre a year, claimed that beds that had been cultivated for decades were destroyed.

A Plaquemines Parish jury valued the leases at \$21,345 an acre, which totaled about \$1.3 billion for the 130 oyster farmers in the class-action suit. Oystermen in nearby Lake Borgne later won a \$661 million judgment alleging similar damages to their leases.

Cell phone rampage

ND FARGO — A man who stripped to the waist, put on safety goggles and tore up a Verizon Wireless store after complaining of bad phone service has been sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Jason Peralta, 22, pleaded guilty to felony criminal mischief and misdemeanor assault in the rampage the company said cost it more than \$20,000 in broken equipment and lost sales.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound former college wrestler said he had intended to only scream at the store workers, but when he tried to throw his cell phone against a wall, it hit a worker in the shoulder. He continued to destroy merchandise for several minutes while workers locked themselves in an office.

Ambulance crash

NY NEW YORK — A cancer patient on his way to the hospital was killed when the ambulance transporting him was hit by an SUV, his family said.

Angel Gonzalez, 56, of Brooklyn, was in his wheelchair when the ambulance was hit and flipped over, police and his family said.

Gonzalez suffered neck and back injuries, his wheelchair landed on Santa Martinez, a family friend riding in the ambulance with him.

Martinez, 60, was in critical condition at Lutheran Medical Center.

Gonzalez was taken to the same hospital in critical condition and later died, a relative said.

Guards' charges dropped

NC CHARLOTTE — A federal judge dismissed charges against two jail guards accused of beating an inmate, saying prosecutors had not proved their case.

The judge told Capt. Rodney Collins and former Sgt. Paul Gee they were free to leave the courtroom, ending a jury trial and setting off hugs and tears among the defense team and the guards' relatives.

The two were accused of beating Paul Dameron Midgett and violating the inmate's civil rights in May 2000 at the Mecklenburg County Jail.

U.S. District Court Judge Graham Mullen said prosecutors' failure to call the alleged victim to testify "created a vacuum" in the case.

Youth inmate programs

HI HONOLULU — The state administration plans to introduce legislation next year to develop youth correctional facilities on the neighbor islands that would emphasize programs and counseling over detention, Gov. Linda Lingle said.

Her comments came after a meeting in Utah with six of seven girls from Hawaii who were temporarily transferred from the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility to a detention center in Salt Lake City.

Lingle said she was pleased with the detention center, adding she hopes Hawaii's youth justice system can transform itself over the next two years and become more like Utah's.

Hacker hits Berkeley

CA BERKELEY — Federal and state officials are investigating the hacking of a University of California, Berkeley, computer containing Social Security numbers and other personal data for more than 1 million residents.

Officials say they haven't determined whether any personal data was taken and haven't seen signs of identity theft. The FBI, the California Highway Patrol and the California Department of Social Services are investigating.

The database included home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth and Social Security numbers for recipients of In-Home Supportive Services, a program that provides assistance to the elderly and disabled.

Licenses mixed up

LA AUSTIN — Possible identity theft is a concern for many Texans after the state Department of Public Safety said it misdirected about 800 drivers' licenses to the wrong addresses.

Only about 400 people have returned the errant licenses they received in recent weeks, the DPS said.

"Obviously, there's some concern," said DPS spokeswoman Tella Mangle.

State officials want anyone who gets a wrong license to return it to the nearest DPS office, Mangle said.

The culprit? "It's a new mail-sorting machine," she told The Dallas Morning News. "It's not behaving, so we've taken it off-line."

Polygamists lose 8 kids

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Utah child welfare authorities removed eight children from a family belonging to a polygamist clan.

The children were taken from John Daniel Kingston and Heidi Mattingly, who have 11 children, including two teen girls who already have been removed from the home. The state did not take the couple's youngest child, a 3-month-old girl, who will remain with Mattingly.

At issue was a petition filed by the Guardian ad Litem's office — an independent agency that represents children in court — alleging abuse, neglect and efforts by the couple to block access to the children by state case workers.

Stories and photos from wire services

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2004

AFN-FAMILY		AFN-MUSIC	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	(SPECTRUM)	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00	Stanley	Movie *** "Akeels to Dapper" (1990) Top Spinning. A teen strives to remember the night her mother was killed.	Dr. Phil	The Mummy	Nightline	Fishing FLW Tour - Beaver Lake Tournament.	30-Minute Music	The Fairy Oddparents
9:30	Sagwa-Siamen Cat			The Brothers Garcia	Nightly Business Report		Easy Entertainment-Chanello	The Brothers Garcia
10:00	Arthur (E)			Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews	Fishing FLW Tour - All-American from Hot Springs, Ark.	Decorating Cents	Jeopardy!
11:00	Between the Lions (E)	Movie *** "Wolf" (1994)	Guiding Light	Headline News	PrimeTime Thursday	Fishing FLW Tour - All-American from Hot Springs, Ark.	The Look for Less	Headline News
11:30	Sagwa-Siamen Cat	Movie *** "Wolf" (1994)	Stanley	Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer	ESPNNews	Fishing FLW Tour - All-American from Hot Springs, Ark.	News Live	ESPNNews
12:00	Dora the Explorer	Movie *** "Wolf" (1994)	The Wiggles "Manners"	General Hospital	Headline News	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The King of Queens
12:30	The Wiggles "Manners"	Movie *** "Wolf" (1994)	Dora the Explorer	Headline News	Headline News	The O'Reilly Family	That '70s Show	King of the Hill
13:00	Bob the Builder	Movie *** "The Seventh Sign" (1988) Horror/Demi Moore	Headline News	Headline News	The Apprentice	Good Morning America	NFL Total Access	Malcolm in the Middle
13:30	Rocky High (E)	Movie *** "The Seventh Sign" (1988) Horror/Demi Moore	Headline News	Headline News	Today! Malcomcamp: 'It's Cooptime'!		Charm'd "The Cool, the Bad and the Ugly"	The Apprentice
14:00	Bruce's Claws	Movie *** "The Seventh Sign" (1988) Horror/Demi Moore	Headline News	Headline News	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire "Hot Tie" (N)		Ally McBeal "Angels and Birmps"	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire "Hot Tie" (N)
14:30	Barney & Friends (E)	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	Pacific Report	Headline News	Any Day Now	Pacific Report
15:00	Funtastic Home Videos	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	Channel One	Any Day Now	The Tonight Show
15:30	Full House	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
16:00	Johnson	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 5)	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
17:00	Hey Arnold!	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
17:30	Rocket Power Star dog	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
18:30	ChalkZone (E)	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
19:00	Weekenders (E)	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
19:30	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
20:00	All That	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
20:30	Lizzie McGuire	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
21:00	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
22:00	Switched: Pat and Stacy	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
22:30	Radio Free Roscoe	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
23:00	The Cosby Show	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
23:30	Home Improvement	Movie *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974, Mystery) Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ER "A Walk in the Park"	The Tonight Show
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2004								
00:00	Hey Arnold!	11:00 Movie *** "Scream 11:00) Movie Campbell.	11:30: Late Show	Zooomoo! "Ghosts" (E)	Headline News	SportsCenter	Joe's Circus	Joe's Circus
00:30	Rocket Power	11:30: Late Show	Access Hollywood	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	NBC Nightly News	O'Brien	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	1:00 "Kong Kong" (1976, Fantasy)	4 Qtrs	ChalkZone (E)	ABC World News Tonight	Charm'd "Chris Crossed"	ChalkZone (E)	ChalkZone (E)
1:30	ChalkZone (E)	All of our goals seeks to exploit a monstrous age in New York.	College Football 30 Sports at Louisville. (Live)	Powerful Girl!	NFL Live	Boston Public Chapter Thirty-Two	Weekenders	Weekenders
2:00	ChalkZone (E)	Movie *** "Draicula Dead and Loving It" (1995) Leslie Nielsen, Pat MacDoni	College Football 30 Sports at Louisville. (Live)	My Life as a Teenage Robot	NBA Preseason Basketball	Arctic Mission "People of the Arctic"	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius
2:30	The Weekenders (E)	Movie *** "Draicula Dead and Loving It" (1995) Leslie Nielsen, Pat MacDoni	College Football 30 Sports at Louisville. (Live)	College Football Wyoming at Colorado State. (Live)	SNL Evening News	Arctic Mission "People of the Arctic"	All That	All

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Gotham Awards to honor Cheadle

Don Cheadle and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" will be honored with Gotham Awards from the Independent Film Project.

On Dec. 1, Cheadle will receive the Gotham Actor Award for his body of work, while "Eternal Sunshine" will be honored with the organization's inaugural Celebrate New York Tribute.

"Don was such an obvious choice," IFP/New York President Michelle Byrd told The AP. "He's someone who very seamlessly goes between smaller independent productions to larger commercial movies. He's a consummate actor's actor."

Cheadle's screen credits include "Swordfish," "Traffic," the TV movie "The Rat Pack" and "Boogie Nights."

Arquettes partner up with TBS

More reality comedies are coming to TBS, which plans to boost its new image as a comedy-centered network with quirky reality shows, not original sitcoms.

The Atlanta-based network announced deals with Coquette Productions, a Los Angeles firm owned by "Friends" star Courteney Cox Arquette and her husband, David Arquette, and Nash Entertainment, for an undisclosed number of reality sitcom pilots.

Terms of the agreements weren't disclosed.

Nash Entertainment produced this summer's "Outback Jack" comedy dating show that was TBS' first reality venture.

The network has two more original reality shows, "The Real Gilligan's Island," set to debut next month, and "He's a Lady," where men compete to see who can best live as a woman.

Cruise throws a fast one

Tom Cruise threw out the ceremonial first pitch, but **Alex Cabrera** was the biggest star of Game 3 of the Japan Series.

Cabrera hit a grand slam in the seventh inning at Seibu Dome to lift the Pacific League champion Seibu Lions to a 10-8 win over the Chunichi Dragons and a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Cruise is in Tokyo to promote his film, "Collateral." The American actor, who is hugely popular in Japan, threw a pitch that was nearly 3 feet wide of the strike zone.

Cruise

"I'm very happy to be here," Cruise said. "That was a terrible pitch, but I love being here in Japan."

Tennis star unsure of fashionable change

Andre Agassi's a bit skeptical about fashion models in skimpy outfits replacing ball boys at the Madrid Masters.

"I suppose I need some time to let it absorb," the tennis star said at the indoor tournament. "I think it's important for our sport to understand its product clearly. And I'm not quite convinced it's part of our product."

Women in black tank tops and white, knee-length skirts chased errant shots and handed towels to the players. Reportedly paid \$1,100 for the week, the women are appearing in one televised match each day.

"It was difficult, to say the least, to concentrate on the ball," Agassi said. "But I suppose I had an advantage. I'm used to playing with my wife" — **Steffi Graf**.

He added: "The skirts look like they're a little difficult to run in. I think they need to be shorter, maybe."

Actors support presidential nominees

"Titanic" star **Leonardo DiCaprio** stumped for **John Kerry**, while **Fred Thompson** of NBC's "Law & Order" campaigned for **President Bush** in Florida, one of the swing states in the presidential election.

DiCaprio spoke to some 400 students — mostly female — at the University of Central Florida, while 200 more waited outside.

The 29-year-old actor, who is registered as a Democrat in Los Angeles County, said it was the first time he had publicly supported a candidate.

Thompson, who was a delegate at the Republican National Convention, urged the crowd to do all it can to deliver Florida for the president.

Stories and photos from wire services

Political books thrive during 2004 election



Hendrick Hertzberg, political writer for The New Yorker magazine, says 2004 is the first year in which books have been published specifically for the presidential election.

Editor's note: Arts and entertainment have long converged with politics. But this year, something different is in the air — and on movie screens, in bookstores, on the radio, and everywhere else media is consumed.

This is the fifth part of a six-part series.

BY HILLEL ITALIE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For those who follow politics, especially those who oppose President Bush, books have never seemed so essential.

According to R.R. Bowker, which compiles publishing statistics, 972 books on U.S. politics and government have come out, or are scheduled to come out, this election year. That's more than double the 400 released in 1992, when Bill Clinton defeated the first President Bush, and well above the 783 that were published in 2000.

The numbers are unprecedented; so is the impact. Insider accounts such as Ron Suskind's "The Price of Loyalty" and Richard Clarke's "Against All Enemies" helped shape public perception of the Bush administration's war against terrorism. "Unfit for Command," by John O'Neill and Jerome Corsi, proved a best-selling complement to the anti-John Kerry TV commercials sponsored by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

Why so many books? And why do they matter? The AP spoke recently about political books, both current and past, with Hendrick Hertzberg, a senior editor at The New Yorker who has been covering presidential campaigns since 1964 and has a recently published anthology of his work: "Politics: Observations & Arguments, 1966-2004."

Why have books been so much more important to the election this year than they have in the past?

I think it's partly that this is the first time that the entire government has been under the control of conservatives, not just the presidency but both houses of Congress and the Supreme Court.

Another factor is because of 9/11, the mainstream press shielded away from tough coverage of the administration during a crucial period. So book writers charged into the vacuum. And the kind of people writing these books, on the whole, tend to be unsympathetic to the policies of the Bush administration.

So you recall any previous election when books were so important?

Not that I remember.

Books centered around the election and published for the election? No, this is something new.

Bush is hardly the first president to be considered divisive. Similar things were said about Nixon and Reagan.

Why didn't they inspire as many books?

There were a lot of books about Nixon and Reagan, and at the time we might have said it was an unprecedented outpouring.

But Nixon, for example, was president during a period when there was a lot of sympathy for reform of one kind or another and Nixon was involved in that. Agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) were founded while Nixon was president.

The opposition to Bush is across the board: abortion, the environment, taxes, fiscal policy, civil liberties. The passionate opposition to Nixon was in the context of the Vietnam War, much more than domestic policy. And Vietnam was an issue that divided the Democratic Party as well.

This year, we've had books that really affected the way people see the candidates. Have there been books in previous years that did the same?

A: In 1960, you had Arthur Schlesinger's book, "Kennedy or Nixon: Does It Make a Difference?" A lot of liberal Democrats were unenthusiastic about Kennedy — for various reasons. And the Republican Party was dominated by moderates, Eisenhower Republicans.

So Schlesinger (a Kennedy supporter and leading liberal) felt he had to make the case that there was a real difference. The book became important among a relatively narrow segment of the public, but that election was extremely close, so close that virtually any factor could claim to be the decisive one.

What about Al Gore's "Earth in the Balance," a best seller in the '92 campaign (when Gore was Bill Clinton's running mate)?

It probably helped get him on the ticket. And it established the environmental credentials of the Democratic ticket. It had an impact, and it was also an attack point for the Republicans. They mined that book for quotes that they could make fun of, especially during the 2000 election.

There was a time when insider books like Ron Suskind's "The Price of Loyalty" (a collaboration with former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill), would have never come out until after the president had left office. It was considered in bad taste. Why has that changed?

A: This is partly a matter of market economics, the lucrative book deal is a relatively recent phenomenon. You had a bubbling of it during the Clinton impeachment — when everybody wanted a book deal.

And I think a lot of information in the books we've been talking about might have come out in magazine or newspaper stories if they hadn't been held back to add to the value of books. A lot of the stuff in Bob Woodward's book "Plan of Attack" could have been front-page news if it had been dribbled out over time.



Horoscope

The sun makes its annual appearance in Scorpio, bringing a mysterious vibration. Is something brewing under the surface that needs addressing? The intuitive qualities of this solar passage will make you pinpoint just what it is, whether it's a problem not previously recognized, a secret desire or a major life event that's about to happen.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 22). You do what you please this year and, as a result, have one of your most satisfying years to date! Take excellent care of yourself, and educate yourself well through November and December — what you learn could make you rich! New influences wait in your life in February, and one of these attractive people could change your life forever.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Stay focused on what's in the realm of now instead of worrying about what will likely never happen. The news media, scary Internet spam and stories from friends could cause a vague sense of dread. Who needs it?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

It's fun and good times from the moment you open your eyes, and what's even better is you're the life of the party. It seems that no matter what you choose to do, you'll turn it into a game or an adventure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're self-directed and will become easily agitated by anyone who challenges your position. With a smile and a nod, you ward off bossy people — don't they know that if anyone is the boss, it's you?

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Building your wealth has much to do with building your network now. But don't let the idea overwhelm you. Start small — one or two new contacts are enough to get you going in a better financial direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Though you're full of energy and need to rush into new activities, friendships and jobs, it's better to use

finesse. Come on slowly. Remember that many worthwhile pursuits and people take time to get to know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You'll be the one to organize things. Being the instigator gives you a chance to express yourself creatively and also to be well thought of by others as someone who can step up and take the heat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Relationships don't always go according to plan, so you've got to be flexible. Anticipated events may not work out — for no good reason. It's just the way things go. Don't give much thought to these bumps in the road.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You could be cynical, but it takes so much energy. And in the end, what harm does it do when someone believes things that you do not? Let others have their beliefs. Together, we're more important than agreeing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Even though you're probably not concerned about adding anyone to your circle, you'll be attracting new people whether you want to or not. New folks will raise the bar in terms of what you can expect from your buddies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You care passionately about what happens to your loved ones. There's a fine line between getting involved and trying to control situations that are not best controlled by you. Give others as much autonomy as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

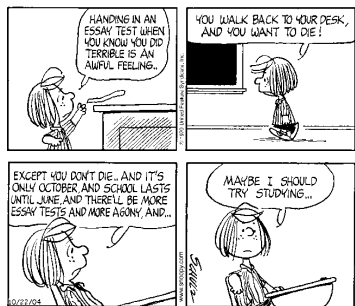
Though it seems all will be sunk if you make the wrong decision, you actually have less to lose than you imagine. Go out on a limb. You'll be tempted to talk more than you need to, but there's not much to discuss.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Gentle modifications in the way you talk to others will bring fascinating results. You'll find people are listening intently to you and asking more questions. There's an opportunity for gift giving. Try something simple, subtle and small.

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Peanuts



Calvin and Hobbes



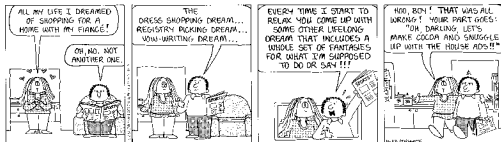
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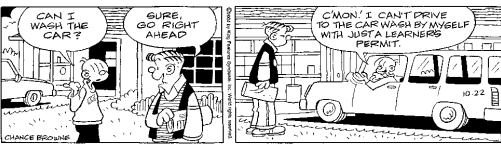
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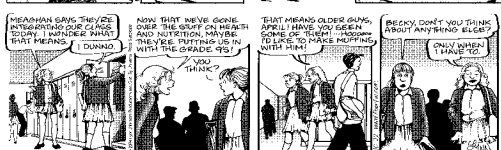
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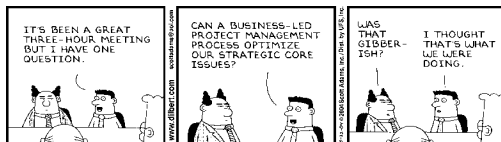
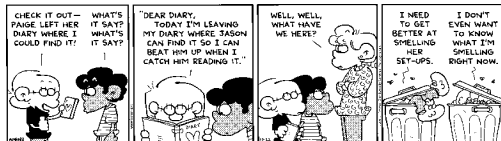


Red and Rover



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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 15 All over the world
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- 18 Mum
- 19 Computer
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- 21 "— De-Lovely"
- 22 Archie's daughter
- 26 Great pain
- 29 Crucial
- 30 "Not only that, ..."
- 31 Group of cronies
- 32 Russian spacecraft
- 33 Snack
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- 35 Audition audition

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE GUM-
CHEWING TOURNAMENT, THE OFFICIAL RULES
WERE FULL OF BUBBLE STANDARDS.

Daughter's lifestyle troubles mom

Dear Abby: My daughter, "Danni," is 36. She was heterosexual until she spent five years in prison. Ever since her release, she has been living in a lesbian relationship with a woman named "Marty." But sometimes she comes to my house and uses my computer to visit lesbian sites, trying to find another lover.

I hate the woman Danni is with now. I try to treat Marty with respect because I love my daughter. But I am concerned about her trying to find a spell book and casting a spell to make Danni break up with Marty.

Do you know where I could find a book with spells in it? Marty is bigger than Danni. They got into a fist fight recently, and Danni came to me covered with bruises. Please tell me what to do. I don't know...

Witch Way: Let me tell a few things to you. Your daughter should not be looking for

Dear Abby



another romance until after she has ended and healed from this one. Since her current relationship has turned violent, the book you should both be reaching for isn't a spell book—it's your local phone book. If she is injured again, the police should be called and she should be taken to a hospital and her injuries photographed. Your daughter may need to obtain a restraining order to keep her girlfriend away. The Domestic Violence Hotline—(800) 799-7233—should also be contacted.

Also, please urge your daughter to contact the nearest gay and lesbian center and inquire about counseling services.

Counseling will prevent her from jumping out of "the pen" and into another violent relationship.

Dear Abby: A few days ago,

Wife's smoking habit hard to break

Dear Annie: When my wife and I were engaged, she promised she would quit smoking before she ever became pregnant. "Natalie" is now 32 and wants to get pregnant immediately, as she fears a degenerative medical condition will leave her unable to have children later. Yet she still smokes and has no intention of quitting.

I am not some anti-smoking crusader. I occasionally smoke myself, although I've never had a daily habit. Since we married, I rarely pick up a cigarette. But it bothers me to think I might be smoking with a cigarette in one hand and our baby in the other. So many kids whose parents smoke turn into nicotine addicts themselves.

I am frustrated that she is backing out of a promise she made as a condition of our marriage. I don't want a divorce, and I don't have the money for counseling.

I know it's hard to quit, but I don't see her even trying. I feel betrayed. Now what?

Annie's Mailbox



—Smoking Mad Guamanian

Dear Smoking Mad: Now you back off a bit. Natalie actually may have fully intended to quit, only to discover that it was harder than she thought. She is feeling defensive and angry—at both her failure and your disappointment in her.

You cannot force Natalie to give up cigarettes, but you can encourage her by being understanding about the difficulties involved. Give her some facts about kids who grow up in homes with smokers, and suggest a program (try www.smokersenders.com) to help her quit. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I am planning a trip with some friends and family next year, and it was difficult finding a date we could all schedule together.

Here is the problem: This will be the first time in our 16 years of marriage that our kids will not be

going with us. Worse, we will be leaving on our youngest daughter's 10th birthday. She already is mad at us for going on this trip without her.

My wife feels guilty and has decided she no longer wants to leave on that day. I say it's OK. My daughter will be in school, and her party will be the weekend before. The others who are going with us cannot change the date. I want to do what's right by everyone. Can you help?

No Longer Making the Arrangements

Dear No Longer: Your daughter will get over your leaving on her birthday, since the celebration is the weekend before. However, your wife may not be able to get past her guilt. For her sake, can you leave the following day and join the rest of your party at the destination? If so, that's our recommendation.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CHABT

NUCCOR

ZIGHAN

Ans: " " " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: POUCH BALKY CASHEW HERALD

Answer: When the soldiers had a snowball fight it turned into a — COLD WAR

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

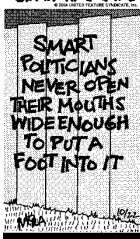
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Family Circus



"Yeah, your voice is so low you should go on 'American Idol' and sing 'Old Man River.'"

GRAFFITI

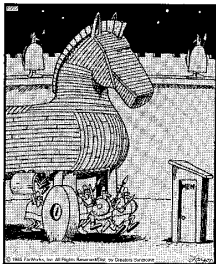


Dennis the Menace



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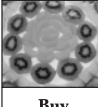
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Freshmen making immediate impact

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

GEORGIA has a trio of experienced running backs. They all went to the bench after Danny Ware and Thomas Brown stepped on campus.

"Those boys are ballplayers," said junior Tyson Browning, one of those brushed aside by the freshmen duo. "Danny and Thomas run like seniors."

It's a scene being repeated at schools across America, where a bevy of talented newcomers have shown no inclination for waiting their turn.

From Adrian Peterson at Oklahoma to Erik Ange at Tennessee. From Dwayne Jarrett at Southern Cal to Brian Brohm at Louisville. From Calvin Johnson at Georgia Tech to Dan Connor at Penn State.

Then there's schools such as Georgia and Michigan, which didn't stop at putting one freshman in a key role.

The Wolverines have Chad Henne handing off to Michael Hart At Georgia. Ware and Brown both rushed for more than 100 yards last week — the first Bulldogs duo to pull off that feat in a dozen years.

"People say you let those freshmen beat you out," said Browning, a junior sent to the bench along with other former starters Michael Cooper and Tony Milton. "Come on. They're not freshmen. They're men."

Peterson has certainly been the man for the No. 2 Sooners, having already rushed for 191 yards in his first six college games.

"His strength and toughness really stuck out to me," coach Bob Stoops said. "There are times when he just attacks people. You won't see a lot of young guys or even old guys that go after people like he goes after them."

Peterson's speed is something to behold, too.

"He does have that rare combination of power and speed that I haven't seen in 10 years in coaching," said Chuck Long, the Sooners' offensive coordinator.

Could this be the year that a freshman finally wins the Heisman Trophy? Peterson certainly has earned consideration.

"I don't know what a Heisman level is for a running back," Long said. "But he's playing at a very high level and plus we're winning games. That makes a difference."

While Peterson stands out among the freshmen, he's hardly alone.

Ware has played four full games for Georgia. He's rushed for more than 100 yards in three of them, showing an equal propensity for running by defenders or just running over them.

He's actually drawn comparisons to Herschel Walker, the 1982 Heisman winner and most famous player for the Bulldogs' storied history.

Ware is a 6-foot-1, 212-pound freshman with an asterisk — he didn't qualify academically out of high school, so he spent a year at

Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia.

"That helped me a lot," Ware said. "I learned to pick up the blitz. I learned to block as well as run. They told me that anyone can run, but not anyone can pick up the blitz. They pointed that into my head over and over."

Brown came on campus directly from high school — and not very far behind Ware. Smaller (5-8, 185) and quicker, Brown has nonetheless shown impressive power, rarely going down on the first hit.

In a 33-3 rout of Vanderbilt, Ware rushed for 127 yards on 24 carries; Brown took 17 handoffs for 122 yards and a touchdown.

"I think we made a good combination," Brown said. Ditto for Michigan's super freshmen.

Henne has completed nearly 62 percent of his passes for 1,538 yards and 12 touchdowns. Or he can give the ball to Hart, who ran for 234 yards against Illinois and has 734 yards for the season.

In the huddle, senior tackle Adam Stenavich will often say "Let's go, midget!" to the 5-9, 194-pound Hart. But the freshman has come up big for the No. 13 Wolverines after starting the season with at least three backs ahead of him on the depth chart.

"He's the kind of guy you just bounces off tackles and keeps going," tight end Tyler Ecker said. "Whether he realizes it or not, he's helping his team win games."

Hart was already getting ready for the big time while still in high school.

"My high school coach was great," he said. "We watched a lot of film together. Sometimes when you're young and in high school, you don't want to watch a lot of film. But me and my coach broke down a lot of film together, and that's helped me a lot."

Jarrett helped top-ranked USC cope with the loss of Mike Williams, whose attempt to enter the NFL after his sophomore season cost him his eligibility.

Both are 6-5 receivers who tower over most cornerbacks. Last week, Jarrett had five catches for 139 yards and three touchdowns in a 45-7 win over Arizona State.

Some coaches may feel a greater sense of urgency to play freshmen, since they can enter the NFL Draft after their junior year.

But Long, Oklahoma's offensive coordinator, cited scholarship limitations as having a greater influence on freshmen getting a quicker chance to contribute.

"You go back to the '70s and '80s, how many true freshmen played? Not many, if any," he said. "They all came in and they automatically redshirted the whole class because you had enough guys."

No need to keep these guys on the sideline.

"They grow them different these days," Ware said. "They come out of high school weighing 230, benching 150 pounds, running a 4.4 40. It's just different these days."

Vikings feel they have a leg up even without hamstrung Moss

By ANDRES YBARRA

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — No 84 was back at practice for the Minnesota Vikings on Wednesday.

Well, not quite. It was actually Kelly Campbell wearing Randy Moss' purple jersey. Moss was resting his strained right hamstring.

"Somebody had to be Randy Moss today," Campbell said with a grin. "Practice ain't a practice without 84's jersey being out there on the field."

Campbell — even with his flamboyant personality and big-play potential — isn't Moss. But the wide receiver trio of Campbell, Marshall Robinson and Nate Burleson proved, for a half at least, that it's a decent substitute. And it looks as if they will again have the chance to prove their worth this weekend without the Vikings' All-Pro receiver.

Whether Moss, injured in the second quarter of Sunday night's victory at New Orleans, plays Sunday against Tennessee will be decided at game time. But coach Mike Tice cautioned that he won't play Moss prematurely and risk losing him for more games.

"We're going to be very, very intelligent about it," Tice said Wednesday.

The sight of Moss lying on the field and calling for team trainers against the Saints scared Vikings fans half to death. It scared the fans, but not the rest of the Minnesota receivers.

"You could see the look in their eyes," All right. Here we go. We'll do fine, Coach. Just keep throwing us the ball," offensive coordinator Sam Linehan said. "That was the whole mood at halftime. We knew Randy was going

to be out the second half. There was never a sense of 'What are we going to do?'"

Burleson had six catches for 134 yards and Robinson caught two touchdowns passes in the 38-31 victory at New Orleans. Daunte Culpepper threw two TD passes to tight end Jermaine Wiggins, and running back Mewelde Moore caught seven balls for 78 yards.

Here's no debating Minnesota will lose some of its edge without Moss, but the other receivers are confident.

"Moss is a great guy, he makes exceptional plays, but we all feel that we can make those plays," Robinson said. "That's what we should feel like."

In the last few years, losing Moss for a game would have been devastating.

When Chris Carter left after the 2001 season, the Vikings struggled to find a dependable No. 2 wideout. Derrick Alexander and Dwayne Bates had chances, but were injury-plagued busts.

Burleson started a few games his rookie season when Bates was injured, and Campbell established a reputation as a playmaker.

Still, the receiving corps seemed incomplete.

When Robinson, a veteran offensive acquisition, pulled in two touchdown receptions two weeks ago in Houston — including the game-winning 50-yard score — it began to look as if the Vikings had finally found Moss' new running mate.

But Robinson's five TD catches have been in the past two games.

"You have another guy who's also tall, got



Minnesota's Nate Burleson caught six passes for 134 yards last week at New Orleans.

strong good hands," Campbell said, comparing Robinson to Moss. "Our receiver corps, you've got anything you could want. You've got guys who can run, you've got speed, you've got quickness. You've got guys who are tall who can catch the big balls."

Burleson has solidified his spot alongside Moss and Robinson in the three-receiver sets. With a full season under his belt, Burleson seems more comfortable in Linehan's system and has a knack for making difficult catches.

If Moss can't play Sunday, Campbell will step into the three-wideout set. Although he drew Tice's wrath for coming off the sideline in Houston and drawing a costly taunting penalty, Campbell is a speedy, viable deep threat who can help spread the defense.

Campbell is averaging 20.9 yards per catch, the best among Minnesota's receivers.

"Luckily for us, we have some guys who are big gamers," Culpepper said.

Police link drinking to Coleman's wreck

The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Atlanta Falcons defensive tackle Rod Coleman seemed to avoid a deer and flipped his luxury vehicle, authorities said

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Wednesday, finally revealing details of a mysterious wreck last weekend.

Coleman, who needed minor knee surgery and will miss his second straight game, had been drinking but wasn't considered under the influence.

The information emerged during a surreal day of vague responses and testy exchanges between coach Jim Mora and the media.

Hall County sheriff's Capt. Jeff Strickland, citing an accident report, said Coleman wrecked at 4:30 a.m. EDT Saturday.

"It says the driver stated, 'A deer ran in front of me, I tried to avoid the collision and I over-turned,'" Strickland said. "It was checked that he did not receive a blood test for alcohol or drugs. It did indicate he had been drinking, but it was not impaired."

Coleman walked to a nearby fire station or residence, where someone reported seeing him. When an officer arrived at the scene, he gave Coleman a series of field sobriety tests, "which he passed. The officer indicated that he did not feel (the player) was impaired."

The NFL said Coleman wouldn't face disciplinary action

because he wasn't charged. But the team may take action for the early morning wreck.

"I'm sure discipline will be considered," general manager Rick McKay said. "I'm under the impression Rod has been forthright from the start."

Mora was annoyed when questioned about why the team appeared so reluctant to discuss the accident.

"No one's been secretive," he insisted. "We're not obligated to speak to the media about injuries until Wednesday after practice."

Mora glanced at his watch. "It's Wednesday after practice," he continued. "We're addressing injuries."

Mora finally disclosed that Coleman underwent arthroscopic surgery on Tuesday after damaging the medial collateral ligament tape surrounding running back Larry Johnson's locker.

That was about it as far as actual details from the team.

Chiefs RB Johnson's locker roped off by yellow tape

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — In an amusing twist to a possibly demoralizing controversy, the Kansas City Chiefs found yellow caution tape surrounding running back Larry Johnson's locker.

The kind of tape used to rope off disaster sites stretched about six feet into the room in front of the stall of Johnson on Wednesday. A first-round pick in 2003 who has been complaining about being a third stringer, Johnson was fur-

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. See [Salary page](#) for complete injury report provided by the league.

Bears: DE Adelewe Ogundimu (ankle) will not play Sunday.

Bills: LB Lawyer Milloy (forearm) expected to play Sunday.

Browns: WR Andre Davis (foot) questionable; CB Kelvin Gammon (lost) questionable.

Buccaners: WR Joe Jurevics (knee) back to play Sunday.

Colts: WR Aaron Boone (knee) expected to play Oct. 31.

Dolphins: QB Brett Favre (ankle) expected to play.

Vikings: WR Randy Moss (hamstring) questionable.

ous Tuesday when he was not traded on trade deadline day.

"You can't do too much when you have an offensive coordinator who doesn't trust you and a head coach who never wanted you in the first place," Johnson was quoted as saying in The Kansas City Star on Wednesday.

Johnson insisted the tape was an idea he and fullback Tony Richardson hatched to try to lighten the situation for a 1-4 team already under strain.

It worked. Players coming in from practice roared at the joke.

"I told T-Rich to do this. He was poking fun at me anyway," said Johnson, inactive for three of five games. "We just having fun about it. I don't think we should do something, just be dumb about it, and that's what we did."

Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said that he didn't know about the yellow tape.

"Those things are for you guys to make a living with, not me," he told reporters. "The problem's

been addressed. It's not a serious problem. It never has been."

Raiders fans call for Tuiasosopo

ALAMEDA, Calif. — When an offense is ineffective, the backup quarterback quickly becomes a fan favorite.

The unforgiving Raider Nation is already calling for Marques Tuiasosopo to get a shot for Oakland in place of struggling starter Kerry Collins — less than a month after they campaigned for Collins to replace Rich Gannon.

They started chanting "Tui! Tui!" in the second half of the Raiders' 31-3 loss to Denver last Sunday. Oakland's third straight defeat and its worst at home against its archrival in 44 games. The same thing used to happen to Tuiasosopo when he was Brock Huard's backup at the University of Washington.

Fans have taken to booing Collins from the moment he steps onto the field for each series.

"That certainly wasn't the first time I've ever been booed," Collins said Wednesday. "It happens to all quarterbacks. It certainly is something you don't want to happen, but if you play long enough, it does. I mean, I understand. They expect more, and they deserve more."

Collins has completed 80 of 140 passes, thrown for only two touchdowns and been picked off eight times for a dismal quarterback rating of 55.8 in 3 1/2 games since Gannon broke a vertebra in his neck Sept. 26.

Sprint: Glut of 1 1/2-mile tracks leads to boredom

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to juice the excitement? Or at least offer enough variety so there was less vanilla and more Rocky Road?

As much as I enjoy the high speeds and uncertainty of Texas Motor Speedway, the thought of five 1 1/2-mile speedways on the 2005 Chase schedule makes me cringe. Give me a course. Give me another short track. Just please don't make me sit through another boring race on a cookie-cutter track.

Yes, the argument can be made that the term cookie cutter is overused when describing the series 1 1/2-mile speedways on the Nextel Cup circuit.

Each has different characteristics, and many vary in banking. A car that is raced at night, as was the case last Saturday at Charlotte, takes a completely different setup from what would be used in daylight. But I guarantee the same cast of characters that ran up front at Charlotte will be the same guys we see leading on Halloween at Atlanta.

So what tracks should be included to add entertainment value to the Chase?

NBC producer Sam Flood knows what it takes to tantalize a TV audience, but he wasn't consulted when the Chase schedule was devised.

"When this deal was brought to us, we had no idea it was even happening," Flood says. "The 10 races were already established. NASCAR has always done a good job of setting up the schedule, so we try to stay out of that. But in a fantasy world, you love Richmond. You love Bristol. Those are the two races that somehow ought to be in the Chase."

Flood does not advocate moving a Daytona race to the season finale.

He says the improvements made to Homestead last season created "one of the great tracks" for NASCAR racing, whereas at a track such as Daytona, drivers are unable "to control their own destiny."

Well, I like Richmond where it is. Talk about drivers not being able to control their destinies: The Chase wasn't determined until the final lap of the September race at Richmond. The anticipation throughout the race was worth more than the price of admission.

Nextel Cup schedule

Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.

Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton, Ga.

Nov. 7 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.

Nov. 14 — Mountain Dew 500, Darlington, S.C.

Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Paul Hamm gets to keep his gymnastics gold

BY NANCY ARMOUR

The Associated Press

Paul Hamm can keep his Olympic gold medal.

Sports' highest court rejected a South Korean appeal Thursday, ruling that Hamm is the rightful champion in the men's all-around gymnastics competition in the Athens Games.

"This is, obviously, a great day for me," Hamm said. "The decision from CAS confirms what I've always felt in my heart, which is that I was champion that night and Olympic gold medalist."

The decision by a three-judge panel of the Court of Arbitration for Sport ends a saga that began more than two months ago when South Korea's Yang Tae-young claimed a scoring error cost him the title.

Yang asked the court to order international gymnastics officials to change the results, and adjust the medal rankings so he would get the gold and Hamm the silver. But the CAS panel dismissed the appeal, leaving Hamm with the gold and Yang with his bronze. Kim Dae-eun of South Korea was the silver medalist.

The verdict is final and cannot be appealed.

"An error identified with the benefit of hindsight, whether admitted or not, cannot be a ground for reversing a result of a competition," the CAS panel said.

Yang said he accepted the CAS decision and doesn't want to think about it anymore.

"I will perform better in the future so that such an error won't happen again," he said. "I won't stop here. My plan is to train very hard and win a gold in the next Olympics in Beijing."

Hamm won the gold Aug. 18, rallying from 12th place with only two events left to become the first American man to win gymnastics' biggest prize.

Two days later, gymnastics officials discovered that Yang had been wrongly docked a tenth of a point on his second-to-last routine, the parallel bars.

Yang ended up with the bronze, 0.049 points behind Hamm. Add that extra 0.100, then the two Yang would have finished on top, 0.051 points ahead of the American.

That, however, assumes everything in the final rotation played out the same way — a big if.

"For a variety of reasons related to the reality of athletic competition and the human psyche, simply changing the parallel bars result would not necessarily... produce the true outcome," said Jeff Benz, general counsel for the U.S. Olympic Committee.



With an appeal overruled Thursday, Paul Hamm gets to keep his gymnastics gold medal.

The International Gymnastics Federation acknowledged the scoring error and suspended three judges. But it said repeatedly it would not change the results because the South Koreans didn't protest until after the meet.

In their ruling, the CAS arbitrators said the Korean protest was submitted too late — and added that CAS was not in a position to correct results even if a mistake were admitted.

The solution for error, either way, lies within the framework of the sport's own rules" and does not allow for a judge or arbitrator to step in later, the CAS panel said.

Hamm said he was heartened by the decision not just for his sake, but for athletes in all sports.

"It keeps the integrity of the sport by ending the competition that night," he said. "You need that. People will lose interest if the decision isn't made until a week later."

Or in his case, more than two months later.

"This process has been difficult, and I would have liked not to have to deal with it," Hamm said. "It was something I had to deal with, and I'm just glad that it's over at this point."

The South Koreans continued to press their case in Athens after FIG rejected their appeal, approaching both the USOC and the International Olympic Committee in hopes of getting Yang a gold medal. It brought back memories of the figure skating scandal at the Salt Lake City Games in 2002, when Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier were given duplicate gold medals after a French judge said she had been "pressured" to put a Russian couple ahead of them.

There were no such signs of impropriety in this case, and IOC president Jacques Rogge flatly refused to even consider the idea of giving Yang a gold medal. The IOC said Thursday it welcomed the CAS decision, noting "its position has always been to say that the gold medal was awarded according to the FIG's results to Paul Hamm."

But then FIG president Bruno Grandi confused the issue, writing a letter to Hamm during the games and asking him to surrender the gold medal voluntarily. In the letter, Grandi wrote, "The true winner of the all-around competition is Yang Tae-young."

Hamm got the letter after he returned to the United States, and he said it was proba-

bly his "toughest time" in the whole episode.

"That's one thing I would really love to have is an apology from FIG," Hamm said. "I thought they handled the situation very poorly."

Indeed, buoyed by Grandi's statement, Yang filed an appeal on the final day of the games with CAS.

A three-judge panel heard Yang's appeal on Sept. 27, six weeks after the men's all-around. Benz argued there was no basis for changing the medals standings because there was no guarantee Yang would have won the gold if not for the scoring error. He also argued that "field of play" decisions — judgment calls by officials during competitions — were not subject to review by CAS.

Though Hamm had to wait another three weeks for the verdict, he and his family were optimistic after the hearing.

"The Koreans did not protest during the meet, that's just not the way you do it," said Hamm's father, Sandy. "It's just not reasonable to ask a court to go in and change medals based on what might have happened."

Hamm said he learned of the court's decision when he woke up around 6:15 a.m. EDT Thursday and found a message from his agent, Sheryl Shady. He called his girlfriend to tell her the news, then spent the next few hours in a whirlwind of meetings with attorneys and advisers.

Close by the whole time was his gold medal, a medal he now knows he can keep for the rest of his life. He'd left it at his childhood home in Waukegan, Wis., for safekeeping while the controversy was brewing — not wanting to risk damaging it just in case he had to give it back.

"It feels like it's mine now. If I were to damage it in any way, it wouldn't be going to anyone else. If I ruin it, it's mine to ruin," he said last week. "Now I'll be able to put it in a safe place and leave it there."

The tug-of-war over the medal overshadowed Hamm's performance, one of the greatest in the history of the men's gymnastics history.

The defending world champion appeared to lose a chance at any medal, let alone the gold, when he botched the landing of his vault, landing backward, plopping down on a judges' table. His score of 9.137 dropped him to 12th place with only two events left.

But one by one, the gymnasts above him faltered. And Hamm was spectacular, closing with a pair of 9.837s on the parallel bars and high bar to win the gold.

"There's been a lot of fighting for this medal," Hamm said.

"I think it'll mean that much more, that I'll be able to keep it for the rest of my life."

V. Williams holds off teen in Swisscom Challenge

The Associated Press

ZURICH, Switzerland — Former champion Venus Williams was pushed to two tiebreakers over two hours by a 16-year-old qualifier before reaching the quarterfinals of the \$1.3 million Swisscom Challenge on Thursday.

The seventh-seeded Williams held off Ana Ivanovic of Serbia-Montenegro 7-6 (3, 1), 7-6 (8, 4) and will meet Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova on Friday.

Elena Dementieva, the highest remaining seeded player at No. 3, downed Elena Bovina 7-5, 3-6, 6-0 in all-Russian second-round match, and will take on No. 9 Ai Sugiyama of Japan.

Tenth-seeded hometown favor-

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ite Patty Schnyder downed Fabiola Zuluaga of Colombia 6-4, 6-3 and faces Paola Suarez of Argentina, who advanced when Emilie Loit of France retired after aggravating a left leg injury while trailing 6-1, 2-2.

Ivanovic, who won her first ever tour match in the previous round, gave 1999 champ Williams a battle, rallying from 4-1 behind in the first set and saving a set point at 6-5 to force the tiebreaker.

Williams led the second set 4-2 before being caught again, and Ivanovic led 6-3 in the tiebreaker only to have Williams battle back.

Clement surprise leader of Madrid Open

MADRID, Spain — Julien Clement of Switzerland shot a 7-under 64 Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Madrid Open.

Johan Edors of Sweden and Terry Price of Australia were two shots behind.

Colin Montgomerie bogeyed two of the first three holes, but three straight birdies starting at the 11th helped him wind up at 3-under for the day. Trevor Immelman, taken to the hospital Wednesday after an allergic reaction to a bee sting, was at 67.

Clement birdied five of the last seven holes. He failed to make the cut in his past eight tournaments.

Hamilton insists he'll be cleared of blood doping

DENVER — Olympic gold medal cyclist Tyler Hamilton says he will clear his name during a January hearing in Colorado, and asks critics and supporters for patience over his positive test for blood doping last month.

Hamilton, a former skiing star at the University of Colorado, faces a potential two-year ban from cycling after tests taken during the Spanish Vuelta race indicated he had received a blood transfusion to boost his endurance.

An initial test taken at the Athens Olympics also pointed to blood doping, but he was cleared because the backup specimen

mistakenly was frozen and there were too few red blood cells remaining for a valid test.

The Marblehead, Mass., native told The Denver Post on Wednesday that his lawyers and his Swiss-based Phonak cycling team are working to prove the tests at the Vuelta were invalid.

Nets' Thorn signs extension

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey Nets president Rod Thorn signed a five-year contract extension on Thursday.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed but Thorn is expected to earn between \$20 million and \$25 million.

Thorn transformed the Nets from one of the NBA's worst teams into a championship contender after taking over in 2000.

ALCS collapse was team effort for N.Y.

Fabled franchise humbled by unprecedented series defeat

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez sat in front of his locker, slumped in a folding chair, dirt stains still splattered on his pinstriped pants.

No reason to rush home, no more games to get ready for. Just a long winter left to wonder why he and his teammates couldn't close out this playoff series with the championship poised the New York Yankees used to be known for.

"It's not the same team," captain Derek Jeter said. "We've had teams that have been good at it, but this is not the same team."

No, it certainly is not.

After 86 years of domination in baseball's most bitter rivalry, the Yankees finally folded against the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night, losing 10-3 in Game 7 of the AL championship series.

Hard to believe this fabled franchise could come apart in such an epic collapse. Right here, at their hallowed home, in the shadow of all that history, all the monuments, all the banners.

"I'm embarrassed right now," Rodriguez said. "Obviously that hurts — watching our field celebrating."

This was much more than a season-ending defeat — it was an unprecedented choke job. Just three outs from a sweep on Sunday, the Yankees dropped four games in a row, becoming the first team in postseason baseball history to blow a 3-0 lead in a best-of-seven series.

"I wish my eyes were closed and I could open them now," reliever Tom Gordon said. "It could have been over in four. It's a tough one to bite. ... Just have to get past this."

It's never happened in the NBA. It's happened only twice in the NHL.

And now the Yankees, the most storied team in all of sports, are right at the top of a humbling list.

"I could care less about that," Jeter said. "I don't know how you can rank failure. You win or you lose."

It will be a painful piece of infamy for everyone in pinstripes.

And it will certainly bring the wrath of owner George Steinbrenner this winter — probably sooner.

New York has now gone four years without winning the World Series. Rodriguez is still looking for his first ring, as are Mike Mussina, Hideki Matsui and Jason Giambi.

"It's such a long season and when you're so close to your goal, it's going to hurt all winter," Rodriguez said.

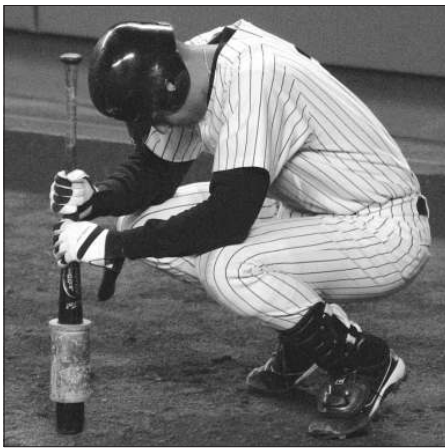
When pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra grounded to second for the final out, the Red Sox rushed to the mound and celebrated their trip to the World Series in the middle of Yankee Stadium. Boston fans chanted and cheered behind the third-base dugout.

It was a sight many New Yorkers thought they'd never have to witness. The Yankees are the team that pulls off improbable comebacks — especially against Boston.

Not this time.

"It makes it worse. But we've been on the success side of this thing, not just against them. Now I'm getting my share of the losing end," general manager Brian Cashman said.

After winning the first three games of the series, New York just couldn't finish it off. Star reliever Mariano Rivera had his chance — a ninth-inning lead in Game 4 at



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter waits in the on-deck circle in the sixth inning against the Boston Red Sox in Game 7 of the ALCS on Wednesday.

Fenway Park. He blew the save, Boston won in 12 innings, then rallied again for a 14-inning victory in Game 5.

When the Yankees returned home, it was no better. Curt Schilling shut down New York in Game 6, and panic began to set in.

New York trotted out all the mystique it could muster for Game 7. The scoreboard played a tribute to Mickey Mantle before the game. Bucky Dent threw out the ceremonial first pitch to Yogi Berra.

A sign hanging high above home plate reminded the Red Sox of the B's who have tortured them, with one hoped-for addition: "Babe, Bucky, Buckner, Boone, Brown!"

But Kevin Brown was awful, and Boston had a "BS" of its own in response — for blow-out. New York dropped to 10-2 in the ALCS.

"History would have told them to give up. It didn't matter to them," Gordon said. "They didn't just fold the tent."

The Yankees were listless in the last two games, managing only five runs and 11 hits.

After taking the big lead, they got complacent. They didn't steal on knuckleballer Tim Lincecum. They didn't try to bunt against Schilling and his gimpy ankle. They failed to move runners in extra innings.

And even with a \$183 million opening day payroll, New York ran out of pitching in the end.

The series obviously turned in that Game 4. Then the momentum started going their way and we just couldn't hold 'em off. We obviously broke down in a number of areas," Cashman said. "We'll start working on our offseason. That's what we do win or lose — just start earlier than we thought."

Brown might have let down Yankees for last time

BY TARA SULLIVAN

The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

NEW YORK — The punch heard 'round the Yankee world and the poor man's substitute for Curt Schilling will haunt the Yankees this off-season as surely as

Commentary

Babe Ruth

used to torture

the Red Sox.

Kevin

Brown,

the man

who

wrecked his

own postseason by punching a wall and breaking his left hand late in the regular season, turned in one of the worst starts in Yankee postseason history. Javier Vazquez, the man the Yankees acquired in a trade only when they couldn't land Schilling from the Diamondbacks, was nearly as bad in relief.

The combination sent the Yankees to an unthinkable 10-3, Game 7 loss to Boston in the ALCS on Wednesday night.



Kevin Brown

Brown lasted only 1 1/2 innings in his last shot at redemption this year, giving up five runs on four hits, including a home run by David Ortiz.

Vazquez, who took Brown's place with the bases loaded in the second inning, gave up a first-pitch grand slam to Johnny Damon to drop the Yankees into a 6-0 hole. So often a victim of the long ball this season, Vazquez gave up another two-run shot to Damon in the fourth to make it

8-1. He walked two more batters before finally giving way to Esteban Loaiza, earning an ugly pitching line of two innings, two hits, five walks and three runs.

The only mystery now is whether Brown and Vazquez are back in pinstripes next season. Both are under contract — big contracts. Brown is due \$15 million in the final year of the deal he originally signed in Los Angeles, but the one the Yankees picked up when they traded Jeff Weaver for him in the off-season. Ironically, Weaver was banished from the Bronx because of the decisive home run he surrendered to Alex Gonzalez in last year's World Series loss to the Marlins.

Vazquez was acquired from Montreal in exchange for first baseman Nick Johnson, but the deal never would have been necessary had GM Brian Cashman been able to land his big fish, which was Schilling.

Cashman was in trade discus-

sions with Arizona once it became evident Schilling was willing to be traded, but the talks ended quickly when the right-hander decided he was willing to play for Boston, the team that originally drafted him.

The surprising deal forced Cashman to change gears, and he went after the much younger Vazquez. He even rewarded Vazquez with a new long-term deal this season — \$45 million over four years — which might make him all but untradeable unless the Yankees swallow some cash.

But in the win-or-nothing get-out-of-here George Steinbrenner universe, anything is possible. Imagining the volatile owner stomachaching the presence of two such unsuccessful, unmitigated postseason disasters is nearly unthinkable.

Nor can one imagine manager Joe Torre relying again on Brown in a big spot. Having been let

down so badly in this ALCS — Brown lasted only two innings and gave up four runs in his Game 4 start in Boston — Torre practically begged Brown for help prior to the start of Game 7.

"I think a lot of the game is going to play in the first three or four innings of the game and I think Kevin Brown will be very important for us if he is able to go out there and take control," Torre said. "I'm comfortable with the fact that he says he's fine to pitch."

That obviously wasn't true, and the Yankees paid the ultimate price. Brown's hideous season ended in disaster, and he took the Yankees down with him, broken bones and all. Had Brown not crushed his hand in a fit of anger after a frustrating September performance, he might have been much better prepared to use the playoffs to erase the seasonlong frustrations of a bad back and a bad infection, both of which put him on the disabled list.

Comeback makes up for past Sox failures

BY JIMMY GOLEN

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even in the pain of last year's collapse, Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein was confident Boston would someday win the World Series.

"But we might not have a chance to come through Yankee Stadium to win it," he said.

"Now, here we are, just a year later."

The Red Sox will play for their first World Series title since 1918 after beating the New York Yankees 10-3 in Game 7 of the AL championship series on Wednesday night. The victory was Boston's fourth in a row, making it the first baseball team to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first three games.

It was that much sweeter that the comeback was against the hated Yankees, who have won 26 titles since Boston won its last. New York has won seven consecutive AL East championships; the Red Sox have been second each time.

"All the fans and all the players all those years couldn't get a chance to go to the World Series because the Yankees were in the way. Now we're in their way," Epstein said, raising his beer for a toast. "That's for the '03 team, just like it is for the '78 and the '49 team."

Boston battled New York down to the final day in 1949 and forced a one-game playoff in 1978, won by New York on Bucky Dent's pop that he ran through Fenway Park's Green Monster.

But few disappointments can match last

year's disintegration at Yankee Stadium, when Red Sox manager Grady Little opted not to remove tiring ace Pedro Martinez in the eighth inning as a three-run lead withered away. The Yankees tied the game, sent it into extra innings and won when Aaron Boone homered off Tim Lincecum in the 11th.

Little was let go, and the Red Sox began a tumultuous offseason in which they added Curt Schilling to the rotation and Keith Foulke to the bullpen. Their courtship of Alex Rodriguez backfired when it angered shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, creating an untenable situation that forced them to trade him; in the end, the Yankees were the ones who closed the deal for Rodriguez, the MVP shortstop-turned-third baseman.

But the Garciaaparra trade netted Boston Orlando Cabrera, who was a better fielder and, with a .379 average in the ALCS, its second-best hitter. The improved Red Sox defense over the second half turned them from a 500 team to a pennant winner.

Wakefield, who won two games in the 2003 series before losing the decisive game, was a key contributor in this year's effort, too. Twice surrendering a chance to start to serve as an emergency reliever, he held the Yankees scoreless for the final three innings of Boston's 14-inning Game 5 victory on Monday and was ready again Wednesday night if needed.

While his teammates moved their celebration from the mound to the visitor's box, Wakefield lingered on the mound, where he'd watched the year before while the Yankees celebrated.



David Ortiz, right, celebrates after the Red Sox returned to Fenway Park in Boston early Thursday after beating the New York Yankees Game 7 of the AL championship series.

Although Boston's ultimate goal remains a World Series title, they have already made history with their comeback and by vanquishing their nemesis.

"Last year, I remember we had a bad memory," said Boston's MVP after two game-winning hits and a two-run homer on Wednesday that put Boston ahead for

good. "A lot of my teammates were just destroyed, because we played a pretty good game and we lost and it was a big-time opportunity to step to the World Series."

"We saw a lot of fans crying and feeling hurt, and I think myself and all of my teammates, we were worried about it and kept that for ourselves. And that's one of the big reasons for us to come to the field and represent the way we did the last four games."

Charmed: Red Sox enjoy role reversal

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Lowe pitched on two days' rest and allowed one hit in six innings. He bunted the Yankees' bats and hosted fans who just last weekend assumed New York's seventh pennant in nine years was all but a lock. Pedro Martinez started the seventh, his first relief appearance in five years, and immediately sparked chants of the now famous "Who's Your Daddy?"

Three hits and two runs got the crowd going, but the rally stopped there. Mark Bellhorn added a solo homer in the eighth, and the bullpen closed out a five-hitter.

"It's very amazing, I think, to do what we did," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Yankees players slowly walked off, eliminated on their home

field for the second straight season.

"I'm embarrassed right now," Alex Rodriguez said. "Obviously that hurts — watching them on our field celebrating."

The World Series will start at Fenway Park on Saturday night against St. Louis or Houston.

Now that the Babe's team has been beaten, Boston can try to reverse The Curse, win the Series for the first time since 1918 and bring happiness to the Hub, which can scarcely believe the tumultuous turn of events.

From Fenway Park to Faneuil Hall, from Boston Common to Beacon Hill, the 11th pennant for the Red Sox, the first since 1918, will be remembered as the best for one reason: Beating New York in Yankee Stadium, site of last year's Game 7 meltdown.

This was for Williams, Doerr and Pesky, for Yaztremski and Yawkey, for Fisk and Rice and even Buckner and Nomar, just a few of the hundreds who suffered the pain inflicted by their New York neighbors.

"That's for the '03 team, just like it's for the '78 and the '49 team," Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein said. "I hope Ted Williams is having a cocktail upstairs."

None of the previous 25 major league teams that fell behind 3-0 even forced a series to seven games. The wild-card Red Sox be-

came only the third of 239 teams in the four major North American leagues to overcome a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven series and win, joining the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders.

It had been 100 years since Boston last won a pennant in New York on the final possible day, a 3-2 victory in a doubleheader opener at Hilltop Park in 1904. New York overcame the Red Sox by winning the final two games of the 1949 season at Yankee Stadium, the Yankees won a one-game playoff for the AL East in 1978 behind Bucky Dent's three-run homer at Fenway Park, and Aaron Boone hit the 11th-inning homer that won Game 7 last year.

New York, which dropped to 10-2 in the LCS, will not do face a bitter winter, with owner George Steinbrenner likely to take charge of overhauling a roster that has been short of starting pitching since the spring.

"I want to congratulate the Boston team," Steinbrenner said. "They did very well. They have a great team."

Brown and Vazquez were booed by the sellout crowd of 56,129.

Rodriguez went 2-for-17 in the final four games and Gary Sheffield 1-for-17.

New York had a record \$186 million payroll, far beyond Boston, which was second at \$128 million. But the Yankees haven't won the Series since 2000 and couldn't finish off an opponent in the cool, efficient, ruthless way they did only a few years ago.

"It's not the same team," Jeter said. "We've had teams that have been good at it, but this is not the same team."

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League
Wednesday, Oct. 12
New York 10, Boston 7
Saturday, Oct. 13
New York 3, Boston 10
Sunday, Oct. 16
New York 6, Boston 5
Boston 6, New York 4, 14 innings
Monday, Oct. 18
Boston 5, New York 4, 14 innings
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Boston 10, New York 3, Boston wins series 4-3

Wednesday Red Sox 10, Yankees 3

BOSTON				NEW YORK					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Damon cf	6	2	3	0	Jeter ss	4	0	1	0
Bilhorn 2b	3	1	1	1	Aldridge 3b	4	0	0	0
Renece 2b	0	0	0	0	Blanton p	0	0	0	0
Morero lf	5	1	1	0	Matusz lf	4	1	2	0
Ortiz dh	5	0	1	0	Blanton p	0	0	0	0
Varitek c	5	0	1	0	Posada c	3	0	0	0
Nixon rf	5	1	1	0	Lofton dh	3	0	1	1
Millar 1b	3	1	1	0	TClark 1b	2	0	0	0
Mntkw 1b	1	0	1	0	Orlud 1b	1	0	0	0
Mueller 3b	4	1	2	0	Sierra ph	1	0	0	0
OCbera ss	2	2	1	1	Cairo 2b	2	1	0	0
Totals	38	10	13	10	Totals	32	3	3	3
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New York					001				200-3-

E—Lincecum (L), DP—New York 1, LOS—Boston 9, New York 5, 2B—Matusz (6), Williams (2), RF—Damon (2), Bellhorn (2), Doerr (2), SS—Damon (2), Lofton (1), Cairo (1), SF—O—Cabrera.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Dwight W-L-0	6	3	3	3	1	3
Timlin	1	0	0	0	0	0
Timlin	1	0	0	0	0	0

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brown W-L-1	7 1/3	4	5	5	3	2
Vazquez	1	2	3	3	0	1
Heredia	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ortiz	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morero	0	0	0	0	0	0

HRB—by Dowe (Cairo), T—3-1, A—56,129 (57,478).

0-3 comebacks

Teams that have forced a Game 7 from an 0-3 deficit and the result.

ALCS	NLCS
Boston beat N.Y. Yankees 10-3.	N.Y.
1975 Semifinals	N.Y. Islanders beat Philadelphia 4-1.
1978 Quarterfinals	Los Angeles beat Philadelphia 1-0.
1984 Stanley Cup Finals	Detroit beat Philadelphia 4-0.
1984 Stanley Cup Finals	Toronto beat Detroit 4-0.
1993 First Round	N.Y. Rangers beat L.A. Kings 4-1.
2002 Conf. Quarterfinals	Portland lost to Dallas 7-6.
1994 Conf. Quarterfinals	Denver lost to Utah 9-8.
1994 NBA Finals	N.Y. Knicks lost to Rochester 79-75.

What they're saying

■ A sampling of how newspapers covered Game 7 of the ALCS.



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David Ortiz watches his first-inning, two-run homer that started Boston 4 to 1-3 victory over the New York Yankees in Game 7 of the ALCS.

Red Sox surprise own fans

BY GREG SUKIENNIK
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Even with a seven-run lead and three outs to go, Red Sox Nation wasn't convinced. Fans remembered the ghosts that have haunted them for generations, and broken their hearts over and over.

This time, however, victory was theirs. The Boston Red Sox beat the mighty New York Yankees 10-3 Wednesday night in Game 7 of the American League championship series — in "The House That Ruth Built," of all places.

"I'm numb," said Woody Tomdorff, 21, of Hingham, Mass., one of thousands who poured into Boston's Fenway Park next to Fenway Park.

Inside the Casp'N'Flagon bar in the shadows of Fenway Park's "Green Monster" left field wall, Megdan Sudak of Beverly stood with her hands over her head, eyes fixed on the TV, until the last out was made.

"Once (Mark) Bellhorn hit that home run (in the eighth inning), that's when I knew," Sudak, 27, said. "They always like to make things interesting."

Things got interesting after the final out, too.

Several small fires were set, fireworks shot into the sky, a trash can was thrown at a fast-food restaurant sign and numerous fights broke out, but a heavy police presence kept things from getting out of hand.

Boston police reported eight arrests in the neighborhood, most



Red Sox fans packed bars across New England Wednesday night, fearing the worst and hoping for the best as Boston faced the New York Yankees in Game 7 of the ALCS. They got the best, a 10-3 victory.

for disorderly conduct, though one arrest was made for assault and battery on a police officer.

About 5,000 people flooded the Southwest residential hall complex at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, but their celebration soon turned violent, police said. UMass Sgt. David White said 29 were arrested after a small group of began throwing beer cans and flaming toilet paper at police. Not everyone arrested was a student, he said.

One UMass police officer was injured while making an arrest.

At UMass-Dartmouth, about 2,000 had to be dispersed by police using stun grenades. Police reportedly made several arrests.

In New Hampshire, police made about 15 arrests on various disorderly conduct charges as crowds got out of hand near Plymouth State University. Plymouth

Big man carries big stick

Bear-like Ortiz leads the way with hits and hugs

BY JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The biggest comeback in postseason baseball history began when David Ortiz had one of the greatest days in baseball history.

The Boston Red Sox were on the verge of elimination, trailing the New York Yankees 3-0 in the best-of-seven AL championship series, when Ortiz hit a game-winning homer in the 12th inning to end the fourth game at 12:22 a.m. Monday. In Game 5 — later that same calendar day — he fisted a broken-bat bloop into center field in the 14th inning to give the Red Sox another victory.

Ortiz homered again in the clincher on Wednesday night, a two-run shot in the first inning that gave Boston a 2-0 lead and sent them on to a 10-3 victory. With three go-ahead hits, Ortiz was a unanimous choice for ALCS Most Valuable Player.

"He's been a solid rock for us," pitcher Keith Foulke said.

"Everybody else in the country

might not see it, but we see it. We see it every day."

His teammates call him "Papi" and, to borrow a phrase, he was the Yankees' daddy. In the process, he made Boston famous — for a moment at least — the frustration of their fathers and grandfathers and, yes, great-grandfathers have felt as Red Sox fans.

"You guys enjoy this," Ortiz told TV cameras broadcasting back to Boston. "You've been waiting for this a long time."

No person ever wins a series by himself, and the Red Sox had other contributors.

But by putting the Red Sox ahead in three of their four victories, including two raucous game-enders, Ortiz distanced himself from the MVP competition. He batted .387 in the series with three homers and 11 RBIs.

"This game is not that easy for most of us," team president Larry Lucchino said. "He's got big, broad shoulders and he used them to carry the team, on the field and off the field. He has a big bear-like personality. And he leads the league in hugs."

The Red Sox didn't take much of a gamble when they signed the big Dominican as a free agent before the 2003 season. Giving him short money — \$1.25 million — they brought him in to fight for playing time at first base with Kevin Millar and Jason Giambi's brother, Jeremy.

Millar proved to be a better fielder, but Ortiz has made himself at home as the designated hitter and as one of the most popular players in the clubhouse. He gets credit from his teammates for keeping them loose when their situation was dire.

This franchise has featured MVP-winning sluggers Jimmie Fox, Ted Williams, Jim Rice and Mo Vaughn. None of those guys ever won the World Series in Boston. Ortiz has a chance.

"You know how long this team and the fans have been waiting for this ballclub ... not just to go to the World Series, but to win the World Series," he said. "And that's one of the big reasons for us to come to the field and represent this way we did the last four games."

Damon slams slump in rather grand style

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Johnny Damon was confident he would break out of his terrible slump in the AL championship series.

He did — and in a big way. Damon hit a grand slam and a two-run homer in the Boston Red Sox's 10-3 victory over the New York Yankees in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

"That was very sweet," the champagne-soaked Damon said in the Red Sox's jubilant clubhouse. "We needed those runs. You can never be satisfied being up a couple of runs on the Yankees."

The long-haired heart and soul of the Red Sox was headed to an improbable World Series appearance, and he was a major reason.

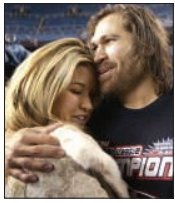
"I knew this win was coming around, and tonight that was pretty evident," Damon said.

"I always expect that from Johnny," series MVP David Ortiz said. "I don't care if Johnny is 0-for-30 or 0-for-50. Everybody knows what kind of hitter Johnny is and everybody knows that Johnny is going to step up in one of those games and represent the way he did."

Damon hit .304 with 20 homers and 94 RBIs during the season, and carried his success into the first round of the playoffs by hitting .467 (7-for-15) with three stolen bases against Anaheim.

However, he was just 3-for-29, .103, with one RBI in the last six games of the ALCS.

Through it all, Damon's confidence never wavered — not when he looked lost at the plate and not when the Red Sox fell behind the Yankees 3-0 in the series.



Johnny Damon embraces his fiancée, Michelle Manzan, after Boston clinched the AL pennant.

"The good thing about this team is that we always kept the team."

Damon was 0-for-8 with five strikeouts in the first two games, prompting him to trim his long locks, looking less like a layman than usual. Yet the slump persisted — even as the Red Sox rallied to win three straight games and tie the series.

On Wednesday night, Damon had one last chance to put his mark on this series. He came to bat with the bases loaded in the second inning against Yankees reliever Javier Vazquez.

"With the bases loaded," Damon said, "I knew Vazquez was trying to sneak a fastball by me. I jumped on the first fastball."

In the fourth, Vazquez tried again to get a fastball past Damon on the first pitch. This one landed in the third deck for a two-run homer.

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Cursed to charmed

3 outs from being swept, Sox complete historic comeback over Yankees

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a strange sight indeed, the Boston Red Sox jumping for joy in Yankee Stadium.

Seldom have the Red Sox risen so high, and rarely have the Yankees bowed so low.

Believe it, New England — the Red Sox are in the World Series.

And they got there with the most unbelievable comeback of all, with four sweet swings after decades of defeat, shaming the dreaded Yankees.

David Ortiz, Johnny Damon and Derek Lowe made sure of it.

Just three outs from getting swept in the AL championship series three nights earlier, the Red Sox finally humbled the Evil Empire, winning Game 7 in a 10-3 shocker Wednesday night to become the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason series deficit.

"All empires fall sooner or later," Boston President Larry Lucchino said.

Cursed for 86 years, these Red Sox just might be charmed.

There is no torture this time, no hour of humiliation. Better yet for Boston fans, it's the Yankees who are left to suffer the memory of a historic collapse.

"Not many people get the opportunity to shock the world. We came out and did it," Boston first baseman Kevin Millar said.

"You know what? We beat the Yankees. Now they get a chance to watch us on the tube."



Boston didn't need any of the late-inning dramatics that marked the past three games, leading 6-0 after two innings. Ortiz, the series MVP, started it with a two-run homer in the first off broken-down Kevin Brown. Damon, in a 3-for-29 (103) slide coming in, quieted Yankee Stadium in the second inning with a grand slam on Javier Vazquez's first pitch.

After Derek Jeter sparked hope of a comeback with a run-scoring single in the third, Damon put a two-run homer into the upper deck for an 8-1 lead in the fourth.

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AP photos

Above, Red Sox players celebrate after defeating the New York Yankees 10-3 in Game 7 of the AL championship series on Wednesday to complete their comeback from a 3-0 series deficit. At left, Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter (right) and third baseman Alex Rodriguez wait for New York to make a pitching change during a Boston rally. Top left, a smiling Red Sox fan sits behind a glum Yankees fan enjoying the ninth inning.

Three drivers in front in the Chase for the Cup

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